



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Alexandria*  
LOUISIANA, ALEXANDRIA

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**Tekakwitha Conference National Center**

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History:

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| 1939-1976    | Bishop Aloysius Muench founded the Tekakwitha Conference in Fargo, North Dakota, which became an annual meeting supporting the pastoral mission of Northern Plains Indian missionaries  |
| 1977-1980    | While retaining a predominantly Great Plains character, the Tekakwitha Conference reorganized into a national association with an annual meeting and other events supporting the spiritual needs of Native American Catholics   |
| 1980-2013    | The character of the Tekakwitha Conference became universally Native American with substantial Southwest membership and influence. It established a national center, located first in Bozeman, and then in Great Falls, Montana |
| 1992         | Marquette University became the archival repository for the Tekakwitha Conference   |
| 2013-present | The Tekakwitha Conference national center relocated to Alexandria, Louisiana  |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans: The Tekakwitha Conference retains its current records only and regularly transfers its non-current archival records to the Marquette University, Special Collections and Archives Department:  
<http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/TC/TC-main.shtml>. As separate collections, Marquette also holds the photography of its official photographers, Anne M. Scheurman, 1979-2012, and Herman D. Ray, 2011-:  
<http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/AMS/AMS-main.shtml>,  
<http://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/HDR/HDR-main.shtml>. Since 2011, the Marquette Archives has captured the Tekakwitha Conference website twice a year via Archive-It, a subscription-based vendor. Archived on the website is its magazine, *Cross and Feathers*, 2012-. For issues before 2012, contact the Marquette Archives.