



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Crookston*  
MINNESOTA, WHITE EARTH

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**St. Benedict Mission**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1868-1873          | Diocesan priests visited White Earth (Ojibwa) from St. Francis, Crow Wing  |
| 1873-1875          | Reverend Ignatius Tomazin resided at White Earth   |
| 1875-1878          | Reverend Tomazin also established and administered Our Most Holy Redeemer Church (Ojibwa), White Earth             |
| 1878-1882 (closed) | Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) administered Holy Redeemer                                |
| 1878-1882 (closed) | Benedictine Sisters (St. Benedict Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota) established and staffed Holy Redeemer Day School |
| 1882-present       | Benedictines established and administered St. Benedict Mission   |
| 1882-1945 (closed) | Benedictine Sisters established and staffed St. Benedict Mission Boarding School                                   |
| 1945-1969 (closed) | Benedictine Sisters established and staffed St. Benedict Mission Day School  |

Benedictines from St. Benedict have administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

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| 1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake) | Cass Lake station           |
| 1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake) | Lake Winnibigoshish station |
| 1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake) | Leech Lake station          |
| 1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake) | Pokegama station            |
| 1873-1879 (transformed to St. Ignatius, Red Lake) | Sandy Lake station          |
| 1873-1879 (transferred to St. Ignatius, Red Lake) | White Oak Point station     |
| 1875-1879 (becomes a parish)                      | Red Lake station            |
| 1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Perham)   | Lake Winnibigoshish station |

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| 1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Perham)            | Pokegama station                            |
| 1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Perham)            | Sandy Lake station                          |
| 1883-1885 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Perham)            | White Oak Point station                     |
| 1883-1888 (became a parish)                                | St. Ignatius Mission, Red Lake              |
| 1883-1895 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake) | Cass Lake station                           |
| 1883-1895 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake) | Leech Lake station                          |
| 1891-1900 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)          | Twin Lakes station                          |
| 1891-1895  | Wild Rise River station                     |
| 1891-1903 (became a parish)                                | Pine Point station                          |
| 1895-1900 (became a parish)                                | St. Joseph Mission, Beaulieu                |
| 1895-1900 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Perham)            | St. Michael Mission, Pembina Settlement     |
| 1896-1900 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)          | Sacred heart Mission, Leech Lake            |
| 1898-1899 (closed)   | Bear Palm station                           |
| 1898-1899 (closed)   | Ottertail station                           |
| 1898-1899 (closed)   | Three Bent station                          |
| 1901-1903 (transferred to St. Theodore's, Ponsford)        | Round Lake station, Becker County           |
| 1910-1924 (closed)   | Big Elbow Lake station                      |
| 1969-1976 (transferred to St. Mary's, Two Inlets)          | St. Theodore's Mission, Ponsford            |
| 1972-present   | Most Holy Redeemer Mission, Ogema           |
| 1976-1979 (transferred to St. Anne's, Naytahwaush)         | St. Francis Cabrini Mission, Big Elbow Lake |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1870-present

Volume: 1.3 cubic feet

Description: Sacramental records for St. Benedict Mission and its Indian missions and stations, including Most Holy Redeemer Mission, Ogema; St. Benedict's: baptisms, 1870-present and marriages and deaths, 1873-present; Most Holy Redeemer: baptisms and marriages, 1911-present, deaths and first communions, 1912-present, and confirmations 1914-present.