



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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 NORTH DAKOTA, BELCOURT

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History of St. Ann Church, Belcourt, and
 St. Anthony Church, Laureat

1882-1887	Diocesan priests from St. John Church, St. John, visited Ojibwa Indians and Métis at Belcourt
1884-1907 (closed)	Sisters of Mercy of the Union (Omaha Province, Omaha, Nebraska) established and administered St. Mary Boarding School, Belcourt, until destroyed by fire
1887-1933	Diocesan priests established and administered St. Anthony Church (Ojibwa and Métis), Laureat
1887-ca. 1890	St. Anthony Church established and administered a day school (Ojibwa and Métis), Laureat
ca. 1890	Diocesan priests established and administered St. Ann Church (Ojibwa and Métis), Belcourt
1894-ca. 1897	St. Anthony's administered St. Anthony Day School
1933-present	Benedictines (St. Meinrad Abbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, and in 1954, Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota) and Benedictine Sisters (Ferdinand, Indiana, and in 1956, Belcourt, North Dakota) administered St. Ann Church
1936-1974 (transferred to a community corporation)	Benedictines and Benedictine Sisters established and administered St. Ann School (Ojibwa and Métis)

From 1894 to the present, priests at St. Ann's have administered the following Missions and stations among the Cree Indians, Métis, and Ojibwa Indians:

1894-1896 (became a parish)	St. Anthony Mission, Laureat
1897 (transferred to St. Anthony's, Laureat)	St. Mary Mission, Maryville
1902-1908 (transferred to St. Michael's, Thorne)	St. Anthony Mission, Alcide/ Laureat
1902-1933 (transferred to St. Michael's, Thorne)	St. Mary Mission, Maryville
1933-present	St. Anthony Mission, Alcide
1935-present	St. Benedict Station, and in 1940, St. Benedict Mission, Turtle Mountain Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1887-present, n.d.

Volume: 9 cubic feet

Description: The records at St. Ann Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

- A. Sacramental records, 1887-present, 19 volumes: for St. Ann's, St. Anthony's, and their Indian missions and stations: baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1887-present; confirmations, 1916-present; first communions, 1934-present; include records on St. Anthony's Mission, Alcide, when it was administered from St. Michael's, Thorne
- B. Financial records, 1920s-present, .1 cubic foot: includes a ledger, 1920s-1930s, and annual financial reports, 1970-present
- C. Mission publication, *Bells of St. Ann*, 1937-1971, .3 cubic foot
- D. Parish bulletins, 1967-present, 1 cubic foot
- E. Architectural drawings for the Church and School, n.d., 1 folder
- F. Warranty deeds, 1930s-1940s, 1 folder