



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Yakima*  
WASHINGTON, YAKIMA

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**St. Joseph Church and School**

**W-524**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1847-1856 (closed) | Reverend Eugene C. Chirouse, O.M.I. and Oblates of Mary Immaculate (now Vancouver Province, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) established and administered St. Joseph/ Ahtanum Mission (Yakama), Yakima River until burned by the U.S. Cavalry |
| 1867-1871          | Reverend Louis Napoleon St. Onge reestablished and administered St. Joseph/ Ahtanum Mission, Yakima   |
| 1872-present       | Jesuits (formerly Turin and California; now Oregon Province, Portland, Oregon) have administered St. Joseph Church  |
| 1875-present       | Sisters of Charity of Providence (formerly St. Ignatius; now Mother Joseph Province, Seattle, Washington) established and have administered St. Joseph School/ Academy; now staffed mostly by lay teachers  |

Jesuits from St. Joseph's attended the following Indian missions and stations:

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| 1877-ca. 1912               | Chilen station (Yakama and Cowlitz)                          |
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| 1882-1958 (became a parish) | St. Mary Mission (Yakama), White Swan                        |
| 1908-1910                   | Yakima Government Indian School (Yakama), Yakima Reservation |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans

Inclusive dates: 1867-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: The records at St. Joseph Church and School are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

Parish Office

A. Sacramental records

Inclusive dates: 1867-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: For St. Joseph Church, its attended Indian missions and stations, and students at the Yakima School.

School Office

B. School records

Inclusive dates: 1875?-present

Volume: Several volumes

Description: Student cumulative files for St. Joseph School.