



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Superior
 WISCONSIN, SUPERIOR

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History: In 1905 the Diocese of Superior was erected from the northern portion of the Dioceses of La Crosse. The area of the Superior Diocese and has included the following the Ojibwa Indian missions and parishes:

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| 1835-present (Superior, 1905-present) | St. Joseph Mission (Métis and Ojibwa),
La Pointe |
| 1855-1910s (no longer Indian)
(Superior, 1905-1910s) | St. Francis Xavier/ Assumption Church,
Superior |
| 1860-present (Superior, 1905-present) | Holy Family/ Christ Church, Bayfield |
| 1868-present (Superior, 1905-present) | Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mission,
Odanah, Bad River Reservation |
| 1878-ca. 1910s (no longer Indian)
(Superior, 1905-1910s) | St. Agnes Church, Ashland |
| 1880-present (Superior, 1905-present) | St. Francis of Assisi Mission,
Flambeau/Flambeaufarm |
| 1882-1919 (closed)(Superior, 1905-
1919) | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission,
Mouth of Yellow River |
| 1882-1934 (closed)(Superior, 1905-
1934) | St. Anthony of Padua Mission,
Pakwawong, Lac Court Oreille
Reservation |
| 1885-present (Superior, 1905-present) | St. Francis Solanus Church, Reserve,
Lac Court Oreille Reservation |
| 1889-1942 (closed) (Superior, 1905-
1942) | St. Joseph Mission, Bellilfalls |
| 1889-ca. 1920s (no longer Indian)
(Superior, 1905-ca. 1920s) | Our Lady of Good Counsel/ St. Mary of
Good Counsel Mission, Solon Springs |
| ca. 1889-present (Superior, 1905-
present) | St. Anthony of Padua/ St. Mary of the
Angels Mission, Gordon |
| 1892-1937 (closed)(Superior, 1905-
1937) | Holy Angels Mission, Mud Lake |
| 1893-present (Superior, 1905-present) | St. Francis Church, Red Cliff Red
Cliff Reservation |

1895-present (Superior, 1905-present)	St. Anthony of Padua Mission, Lac du Flambeau, Lac du Flambeau Reservation
1894-ca. 1915 (closed) (Superior, 1905-ca. 1915)	St. Joseph Mission, New Village, Lac du Flambeau, Lac du Flambeau Reservation
1900-1962 (closed) (Superior, 1905-1962)	St. Anthony Mission, Belanger Settlement,
ca. 1904-1910 (closed) (Superior, 1905-1910)	Sacred Heart Mission, Trade River
1905-present	St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lac du Flambeau, Lac du Flambeau Reservation
1910-1912 (no longer Indian)	St. Mary Magdalene Mission, Springbrook
1919-present	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission, Danbury
1920-present	St. Mary Magdalene Mission, Couderay, Lac Court Oreille Reservation
1934-present	St. Ignatius Mission, New Post, Lac Court Oreille Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: ca. 1900-present, n.d.

Volume: 1.9 cubic feet

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files

Inclusive dates: 1906-1959

Volume: .4 cubic foot

Description: This series is arranged alphabetically by location of the parish or mission.

- A. Bayfield, Holy Family Church and School, 1906-1958 (majority from the 1950s), 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverend Regis Watts, and Bishops Albert G. Meyer and Joseph A. Annabring
- B. Lac du Flambeau, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1906-1959 (majority from the 1940s-1950s), 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverend Lawrence Henninger and Bishops William P. O'Connor, Albert Meyer, and Joseph Annabring
- C. New Post, St. Ignatius Mission, 1922-1950 (majority from the 1920s-1930s), 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Ignatius Kinney and John Kauer and Bishop Theodore Reverman
- D. Odanah, Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mission and St. Mary School, 1906-1959 (majority from the 1930s-1950s), 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Emeran Fox, Symphorian Nothoff, Bertram Mitchell, and Bishops Theodore Reverman and Albert Meyer
- E. Red Cliff, St. Francis Church and School, 1912-1959 (majority from the 1940s-1950s), 1 folder: major correspondents include Reverends Oscar Rascher and Clementin Grosskopf, Bishops Joseph A. Annabring, William O'Connor, and Albert Meyer
- F. Reserve, St. Francis Solanus Mission and School, 1906-1958 (majority from the 1920s-1930s), .1 cubic foot: major correspondents include Reverends Philip B. Gordon (Ojibwa), Ignatius Kinney, and John Kauer, and Bishop Theodore Reverman, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

/2 "Missions - Business" and "Indian Missions"

Inclusive dates: 1901-1949, n.d.

Volume: .2 cubic foot

Description: This series is arranged alphabetically by location of the parish. It primarily contains financial correspondence and legal documents relating to land transactions.

- A. Bayfield, Holy Family Church, 1930s, 1 folder: primarily correspondence
- B. Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 1908-1911, 5 letters
- C. Lac du Flambeau, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1901, 1906-1909, 2 folders: primarily correspondence
- D. Odanah, Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mission and St. Mary School, 1902-1924, 1930-1949, .1 cubic foot: includes correspondence, financial and statistical reports, and historical notes
- E. Red Cliff, St. Francis Church, 1913, n.d., 1 folder: correspondence and clippings
- F. Reserve, St. Francis Solanus Church, 1908-1909, 1 folder: primarily correspondence

/3 Deceased Priests' Files

Inclusive dates: ca.1900-1981

Volume: .65 cubic foot

Description: This series is arranged alphabetically by surname.

- A. Gordon (Ojibwa), Reverend Philip B., ca. 1900-1981, .6 cubic foot:
 - 1. Correspondence, 1906-1981 (majority from 1906-1920), .3 cubic foot: major correspondents include the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and Bishops Augustin F. Schinner and Joseph M. Koudelka; correspondence from 1948-1981 is about Reverend Gordon
 - 2. Diary, 1909, 1913-1914, 1 volume: handwritten with daily entries
 - 3. Photographs, ca.1900-1940s, approximately 475 prints
- B. Kinney, Reverend Ignatius, 1920s-1930s, 1 folder: biographical records and correspondence regarding St. Francis Solanus Church, Reserve

/4 Financial and Statistical Reports

Inclusive dates: 1908-present

Volume: .5 cubic foot

Description: The series contains annual reports from each Indian parish, mission, and school within the diocese.

/5 "Religious Men and Women"

Inclusive dates 1930-1945, 1949

Volume: 2 folders

Description: This series contains correspondence with religious orders working within the diocese. The letters primarily relate to appointments and finances and are arranged alphabetically by order.

- A. Franciscans, Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, 1930-1945, 30 letters
- B. Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 1949, 15 letters: regarding St. Mary School, Odanah

/6 Diocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1953-present

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: The *Catholic Herald Citizen* contains articles on and references to American Indians and Catholic evangelization within the diocese.