



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Archdiocese of St. Louis
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History: The Diocese of St. Louis was erected in 1826 for the entire Louisiana Territory. With substantially reduced area, St. Louis was elevated to an archdiocese in 1947. The St. Louis Archdiocese and its predecessor included the following missions, parish, and schools which served American Indians:

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| 1770-ca.1850s (no longer Indian) | St. Louis King of France Cathedral/Church/Mission (various and Métis), St. Louis, Missouri |
| 1824-1831 (closed) (St. Louis, 1826 1831) | St. Regis Seminary (various), Florissant, Missouri |
| 1836-1841 (closed) | Kickapoo Mission and School (Kickapoo), Missouri |
| 1839-1847 (closed) | Sugar Creek Mission and School (Potawatomi), Kansas |
| 1841-1850 (transferred to Diocese of Nesqually) | St. Mary Mission (Salish), Bitter Root River, Montana |
| 1847-1849 (closed) | St. Francis Regis Mission (Miami), Missouri |
| 1847-1870 (no longer Indian) (St. Louis, 1847-1850) | Osage Mission and School, Kansas |
| 1848-1870s (no longer Indian) (St. Louis, 1848-1850) | St. Mary Mission and School (Potawatomi), St. Marys, Kansas |

History of St. Louis King of France Cathedral

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| 1770-ca.1850s (no longer Indian) | Various priests established and administered St. Louis King of France Cathedral/Church/ Mission (various and Métis), St. Louis, which had included a few American Indian parishioners |
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1809 (December 28) Reverend Urbain Guillet, O.C.S.O. baptized Jean Baptiste "Pompey" Charbonneau (1805-1866), son of Toussaint Charbonneau and Sacagawea [Sacajawea] (Shoshoni)

1831 Narcisse (Salish) and Paul (Salish), from a Salish Indian delegation in Montana, died and were buried in the St. Louis Catholic cemetery

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates 1820s-1840s, n.d.

Volume: Approximately .4 cubic foot

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Bishops' Papers: Bishop Joseph Rosati (1789-1843) Papers"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description:

A. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M., "Diary (also copies)," 1822-1840, 3 volumes:
includes references to Indian mission and school activities and requests

Description: Arranged alphabetically by community; includes files on the "Society of the Sacred Heart," re: Female Indian School, Florissant, Missouri.

/5 "Charles L. Souvay Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1820s-1840, n.d.

Volume: Approximately .15 cubic foot

Description: Records (copies), re: St. Louis Archdiocesan history copied by Reverend Souvay (former President of Kenrick Seminary) in archives throughout Europe and the United States. Records relating to Indian mission and school activities include portions of the following:

A. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. "Diary," 1822-1840, 3 volumes

B. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. "Memoirs," n.d., 202 pages

C. Bishop Joseph Rosati, C.M. correspondence, 1820s-1840, 1 folder: many from the St. Louis Archdiocesan Archives

/6 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1770-ca. 1850s

Volume: Few entries within several volumes

Description: American Indian parishioners of St. Louis King of France Cathedral, St. Louis and St. Regis Seminary, Florissant; early 19