



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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Diocese of Fairbanks
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History: In 1894, the Prefecture Apostolic of Alaska was erected for all of present-day Alaska from a portion of the Diocese of Vancouver's Island (now Archdiocese of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), which had been subject to the Metropolitan See of Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. The Prefecture Apostolic was subject to the Metropolitan See of Seattle and was succeeded by the Vicariate Apostolate of Alaska in 1916. In 1999, the Diocese of Fairbanks was erected for the northern half of the state. In 1900, the Prefecture Apostolic reported 2,000 baptized Native American Catholics and in 1999 the three Alaskan dioceses reported 15,700 with Fairbanks alone reporting 15,000. Fairbanks and its predecessors have administered the following Indian and Eskimo missions, parishes, and schools in Alaska:

1867-1915 (closed) (Fairbanks, 1894-1915)	St. Stanislaus/ St. Paul the Apostle Mission (Koyukon), Kokrines
1873-present (Fairbanks, 1894-present)	St. Michael's Mission (Eskimo), St. Michael
1879-present (Fairbanks, 1894-1951)	St. Rose of Lima Church (Tlingit) Wrangell/ Fort Wrangell
1887-present (Fairbanks, 1894-present)	Holy Cross Mission, School and Orphanage (Eskimo and Ingalik), Holy Cross/ Koserefsky
1887-1920 (Fairbanks, 1894-1920)	St. Mary's Mission (Eskimo and Ingalik), Akularak
1887-present (Fairbanks, 1894-present)	St. Aloysius Mission (Eskimo and Koyukon), Tanana
1889-1894 (closed) (Fairbanks, 1894)	St. Alphonsus Mission and School (Eskimo), Tununak, Nelson Island
1895-1916 (Fairbanks, 1895-1951)	Our Lady of the Mines Mission (Tlingit), Douglas
1896-present	Our Lady of the Snows Church/ St. Peter Claver Mission (Koyukon), Nulato
1896-1920 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Koyukuk), Shagelok/ Shageluk River District
1896-present	St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Tununak
1899-unknown	Nulato School (Koyukon), Nulato

1899-present	St. Ignatius Mission (Eskimo), Alakanuk
1901-present	St. Joseph Church (Eskimo), Nome
1904-present (Fairbanks, 1904-1966)	Holy Name Church (Tlingit and Haida), Ketchikan
1904-1930s	Holy Family Mission (Tlingit and Haida), Metlakata
1905-1987 (closed)	St. Mary's School (Eskimo), Akulurak
1908-present	St. Bernard Mission (Eskimo), Stebbins
1910-1920s (closed)	St. Ursula's-by-the-Sea Day School and Hospital (Eskimo), St. Michael
1912-present	St. Peter in Chains Mission (Koyukon), Ruby
1918-1940 (closed)	Pilgrim Springs Mission and Orphanage (Eskimo), Pilgrim Springs
1922-present	St. Theresa Church (Dena'ina), Nenana
1923-present	St. John Berchmans Church (Koyukon), Galena
1928-present	Little Flower of Jesus Church (Eskimo), Hooper Bay
1929-present	St. Francis Xavier Mission (Eskimo), Kotzebue
1929-1970 (closed)	St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute
1930-present	Church of Mary, the Mother of God (Eskimo), Marshall
1931-1960s (closed) (Fairbanks, 1931-1966)	St. Pius X Mission Home (Tlingit), Skagway
1933-present	St. Anne/ St. Emma Mission (Eskimo), Teller
1934-present	St. Jude Mission (Eskimo), Diomed Island/ Little Diomed Island
1939-present	St. Theresa Mission (Eskimo), Aniak
1939-present	St. Lawrence Church (Eskimo), Mountain Village
1943-present	Immaculate Conception Church (Eskimo), Bethel
1943-present	Sacred Heart/ Immaculate Conception Church (Eskimo), Kalskag
1949-present	St. Joseph Church (Eskimo), Kotlik
1949-present	Holy Angels Mission (Eskimo and Koyukon), Unalakleet
1950-present	St. Teresa/Little Flower of Jesus Church (Koyukon), Kaltag
1950-1960 (closed)	Christ the King Mission (Eskimo), King Island
1950-present	Blessed Sacrament Church (Eskimo), Scammon Bay
1951-present	Church of the Nativity/ St. Mary Mission and School (Eskimo), St. Mary
1952-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Eskimo), Chevak
1952-present	Holy Family Mission (Eskimo), Newtok
1954-present	St. Patrick Church (Eskimo), Barrow
1954-present	St. Peter Mission (Alakanuk), Sheldon Point
1959-present	St. Patrick Church (Koyukon), Koyukuk
1960-present	St. Michael Church (Eskimo), McGrath
1964-present	St. Catherine Church (Eskimo), Cheforniak
1964-present	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Eskimo), Nightmute
1964-present	St. Charles Spinola Church (Eskimo), Pilot Station
1964-present	St. Peter the Fisherman Mission (Eskimo), Toksook Bay
1966-present	St. Francis Regis/ Huslia Mission (Koyukon), Huslia
1966-1973 (closed)	Manley Mission (Koyukon), Manley
1969-present	Sacred Heart Mission (Eskimo), Emmonak

1969-present	Christ the King Chapel (Eskimo), Umkumute
1970s-present	St. Anthony Mission (Eskimo), Hamilton
1974-1980 (closed?)	Immaculate Conception School (Eskimo and Dena'ina), Fairbanks
2000-present	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission (Eskimo), Russian Mission

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1886-present

Volume: Estimated 12-14 cubic feet

Description: 4 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Sacramental Records

Inclusive dates: 1887-1977

Volume: Estimated 6-7 cubic feet (134 volumes)

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, burials, censuses, family genealogies, house diaries, and school records for parishes and schools and attended missions and stations; copies noted when included.

- a. Akulurak, St. Mary's Mission and School, 1892-1977, 6 volumes; re: baptisms, 1892-1939, marriages, 1902-1915; baptisms, 1915-1922, first communions, 1915-1926, marriages, 1915-1937, and deaths, 1915-1923; baptisms, 1922-1952; baptisms, first communions, and confirmations, 1889-1927; school records with sacraments, 1906-1944; school records with sacraments, 1945-1952
- b. Alakunuk, St. Ignatius Church, 1892-1977, 11 volumes; re: baptisms, 1952-1960; baptisms, 1960-1967; unidentified, 1913-1953, first communions, 1965- ; confirmations, 1954-1977; deaths, 1952-1977; marriages, 1952-1977; baptisms, 1892-1915, marriages, 1902-1937, deaths, 1915-1923 (copy); baptisms, 1915-1922 (copy); baptisms, 1952-1977 (copy); confirmations, 1941-1949, 1952-1977, marriages, 1937-1977, deaths, 1952-1977 (copy)
- c. Barrow, St. Patrick Church, 1954-1992, 1 volume; re: unidentified, 1954-1992
- d. Bethel, Immaculate Conception Church, 1939-1973, 3 volumes; re: unidentified, 1942-1973; unidentified, 1939-1951 (Kushokuim District); baptisms, 1942-1959, first communions, 1957-1972, confirmations, 1944-1946, 1951-1973, marriages, 1942-1973, deaths, 1946-1973 (copy)
- e. Chevak, Sacred Heart Church, 1944-1982, 3 volumes; re: census, 1949; unidentified, 1957-1982; baptisms, 1944-1957 (Keyalucik and District); includes Kashunak
- f. Galena, 1954, 2 volumes; re: census, 1954, and house diary [Jesuits?], 1954-1982

- g. Holy Cross, Holy Cross Mission, 1887-1972, 18 volumes; re: baptisms, 1887-1919, confirmations, 1895-1918; first communions, 1939-1955; baptisms, 1887-1902, first communions, 1956, deaths, 1900-1902; baptisms, 1917-1919; baptisms, 1931-1938, first communions (with pictures), 1930-1956; baptisms, 1934-1972; unidentified, 1919-1934; confirmations, 1917-1918, 1948, 1952; deaths, 1888-1944; deaths, 1900-1919; marriages, 1917-1919; first communions, 1941-1973, confirmations, 1941-1968, marriages, 1924-1973, deaths, 1946-1971 (copy); baptisms, 1887-1912, baptisms (Shgeluk), 1887-1902, first communions, 1956-1972, confirmations, 1917-1978, marriages, 1919-1972, deaths, 1919-1972 (copy); baptisms, 1887-1902 (copy); baptisms, 1889-1947 (copy); baptisms, 1917-1971 (copy); baptisms, 1919-1972, marriages, 1919-1972, deaths, 1919-1972 (copy); unidentified, 1887-1916, first communions, 1956, confirmations, 1917-1918, marriages, 1919-1972, deaths, 1919-1972 (copy);
- h. Hooper Bay, Little Flower of Jesus Church, 1889-1971, 7 volumes; re: baptisms, 1889-1947; baptisms, 1920-1947; unidentified, 1916-1919, 1946-1971; baptisms, 1889-1931 (Tymute); first communions, 1941-1942, marriages, 1929-1946, census (Scammon Bay), 1939, census (District), 1938, deaths, 1946 (Hooper Bay District); baptisms, 1889-1947 (Hooper Bay Ledger); baptisms, 1889-1947 (Hooper Bay to Lower Yukon)
- i. King Island, Christ the King Mission, 1920-1960, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, 1947-1958; baptisms, 1920-1960, familytree (King Island Miscellaneous)
- j. Kokrines, St. Stanislaus/ St. Paul the Apostle Mission and Tanana, 1907-1939, 2 volumes; re: census, Kokrines, 1907-1939 and Tanana, 1908-1933 (copy); Kokrines births, marriages, and deaths, 1920-1924
- k. Kotzebue, St. Francis Xavier Church, 1929-1944, 2 volumes; re: unidentified, 1929-1944; letters and graveyard list (loose notes)
- l. Koyukuk, St. Patrick Church, 1873-1904, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, 1873-1901, marriages, 1894-1904; census, 1955
- m. Kozerefsky (Holy Cross), Holy Cross Mission, 1899-1919, 2 volumes; re: marriages, 1899-1919 (early Holy Cross); family trees and census, 1907-1917
- n. Kushkokwim (Holy Cross), Holy Cross Mission, 1909-1918, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, confirmations, and marriages, 1909-1915 (Holy Cross); census, 1918
- o. Little Diomed (Diomed), St. Jude Mission, 1937-1964, 1 volume; re: baptisms and marriages, 1937-1964
- p. Mary's Igloo and Little Diomed (Diomed), St. Jude Mission, 1904-1964, 1 volume (copy); re: Mary's Igloo unidentified, 1904-1938 and Little Diomed (Diomed), St. Jude Mission, 1937-1964
- q. Mountain Village, St. Lawrence Church, 1889-1969, 4 volumes; re: baptisms, 1889-1927; unidentified, 1938-1969, census, 1942-1943, statistics, 1929-1930, 1942; baptisms, 1889-1969, confirmations, 1939-1967, marriages, 1939-1969 (copy); unidentified, 1914-1940 (copy)
- r. Nelson Island and Yukon River, Tununak, St. Joseph Church and St. Alphonsus Mission and School, 1890-1965, 5 volumes/folders; re: confirmations, 1934-1955, deaths, 1935-1961; confirmations, 1939-1965, marriages, 1934-1947; baptisms, 1889-1928, confirmations, 1906-1924, marriages, 1890-1927, deaths, 1890-1896 (Nelson Island and Yukon River; copy); baptisms, 1889-1926, confirmations, 1939-1965, marriages, 1934-1965, Tununak unidentified, 1934-1959 (copy); baptisms, 1890-1927, 1947 (Nelson Island Folder)

- s. Nome, St. Joseph Church, 1901-1974, 9 volumes; re: baptisms, 1901-1923, confirmations, 1904-1939; baptisms, 1924-1956, confirmations, 1948-1956; unidentified, 1957-1973; unidentified, 1973-1981; marriages, 1901-1956; deaths, 1906-1956; unidentified, 1907-1923 (copy); baptisms, 1907-1923 (copy); first communions, 1957-1973, confirmations, 1957-1973, marriages, 1907-1973, deaths, 1957-1973 (copy)
- t. Nome (St. Mary's Igloo), 1910-1951, 1 volume; re: unidentified, 1910-1951
- u. Nulato, Our Lady of the Snows Church/ St. Peter Claver Mission, 1873-1964, n.d., 11 volumes; re: baptisms, 1901-1920; baptisms, 1921-1947; baptisms, 1948-1964; families, 1907-1913; marriages, 1903-1948; marriages, 1927-1931, 1946-1948; baptisms, 1873-1901, marriages, 1894-1904 (copy); baptisms, 1901-1964, marriages, 1903-1963 (copy); census, n.d. (Nulato Area Light Green Notebook); census, 1950 (Nulato Area Dark Green Notebook); census, n.d. (Nulato Area Red-Brown Notebook)
- v. Nulato: Koyukuk and Kaltag, 1901-1921, 1 volume; re: Deaths
- w. Pilot Station, St. Charles Spinola Church, 1914-1940, 2 volumes; re: unidentified, 1914-1940; confirmations, marriages, and deaths, 1921-1939
- x. Pimute, St. John the Apostle Church, 1934-1950, 2 volumes; re: families with sacraments, 1934 and census, 1940-1950
- y. Ruby, St. Peter in Chains Church and Kokrines, 1907-1939, 1 volume; re: baptisms and deaths
- z. St. Marys, St. Mary's School, n.d., 1 volume; re: index of families with students
- aa. St. Michael, St. Michael's Mission, 1895-1973, 4 volumes; re: baptisms, 1895-1949; unidentified, 1895-1949 (copy); unidentified, 1949-1973; unidentified, 1949-1973(copy)
- bb. Tanana, St. Aloysius Church and Kokrines, 1910-1933, 1 volume; re: unidentified
- cc. Tununak (Nelson Island), St. Joseph Church, 1934-1965, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, 1934-1959; baptisms (copies, 1959-1965)

/2 School Records

Inclusive dates: 1951-1984

Volume: Estimated 1-2 cubic feet

Description: Transcripts for St. Mary's High School, St. Marys; other school records filed by parish with sacramental records.

/3 Photographs

Inclusive dates: 1890s-present

Volume: Estimated 5 cubic feet (approximately 5,000 items)

Description: Prints, negatives, and slides arranged alphabetically by place and there under by event and/or ethnic group with oral history data recorded on the versos of many prints; inventory not available in 2006.

/4 Diocesan Newsletter

Inclusive dates: 1960-present

Volume: Many articles

Description: The *Alaskan Shepherd*,

<http://www.cbna.info/shepherd/shepherd.html>, reports regularly on American Indians and Eskimos and Catholic evangelization in the diocese; archived online, 2000-present.