CATHOLIC-OPERATED NATIVE BOARDING SCHOOL COLLECTIONS RESOURCE GUIDE

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FOREWORD AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In November 2022, the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) received a National Historical Publications & Records Commission (NHPRC) Collaborative Archives Implementation Grant with a primary goal of expanding our collective knowledge of Catholic-affiliated Native American boarding schools that operated in the United States over the past 200 years.

A key deliverable of this project was the formation of a first of its kind resource guide for Catholic Native boarding school collections. Committed NHPRC grant project partners include the Sisters of Loretto Heritage Center in Nerinx, Kentucky; the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota Archives; the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg in Oldenburg, Indiana; the Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia in Aston, Pennsylvania; the Carondelet Consolidated Archive in St. Louis, Missouri; the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Los Angeles Province; the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet St. Paul Province; the Society of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis, Missouri. Inspired by the Department of the Interior's Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative announced in June 2021, ACWR and its collaborative partners seek to serve as a catalyst for religious communities and dioceses nationwide who hold archival records related to Native American boarding schools to organize their records and make them accessible to impacted Native families and communities.

What does this resource guide contain?

Each edition of the guide will contain finding aids for archival collections that contain materials relating to a Catholic-operated Native boarding school. The Society of American Archivists Archives Terminology Dictionary defines a finding aid as "a description that typically consists of contextual and structural information about an archival resource. Often a finding aid places archival resources in context by consolidating information about the collection, such as acquisition and processing; provenance, including administrative history or biographical note; scope of the collection, including size, subjects, media; organization and arrangement; and an inventory of the series and the folders..." For this project, the finding aid will serve as an overall roadmap to the collection, sharing about what types of records are included, their current location, and their availability for research.

The first edition of this resource represents nearly a third of the schools currently listed on the **List of Catholic-operated Native Boarding Schools in the United States, pre-1978** and our hope is that representative percentage will increase with subsequent editions.

Interpreting the Finding Aids

Every submission to this resource guide utilizes a project template that includes the following fields:

Title: This field generally shares the name(s) of the school(s) and any specific identifying letter or number designation from the overall archive, library, or heritage institution.

Dates: This field will include the date span included in this collection. It will usually *not reflect the entire span of operation for a respective Native boarding school.*

Creator: This field will include the original creators of these records, which will typically be a religious community or diocese.

Abstract: This field provides a brief overview of the types of material someone will be able to find in this respective collection.

Quantity/Physical Description: This field will generally share the linear footage of the overall collection.

Geographic Location(s): This field will generally share the geographic location(s) of the Native boarding school.

Collection Location(s): This field will generally share the current geographic location(s) of the archival collection.

Language(s): This field will include the languages found among the archival materials in the collection.

Preferred Citation: This field will share how each contributing archive would want their respective archival collection to be cited if materials are referenced in a web story or published work.

Related Material: This section is one of the most important offerings within each finding aid submission. When available, it will share about photographs, publications, artifacts, oral histories, architectural drawings, legal documents, and audio-visual material that are included in other portions of the archive's collections. Some submissions will also include a list and/or links to related collections *not* in their archives. Since nearly every Catholic Native boarding school will have *multiple* collections from religious communities, dioceses, universities, and other heritage institutions, this section will serve as a road map for what other collections may exist for the school.

Historical Note: This field will include a general history of the school either broadly or from the perspective of the respective submitting institution. It will generally share opening and closing years or dates, location(s), list religious communities and dioceses involved with the school, note significant construction or major renovation projects, and significant changes in ministry (i.e. transition from an orphanage to a day school).

Scope and Content: This field will generally share the number of boxes and file folders included in the collection, broad record types included (i.e. news clippings, correspondence, transcripts, publications, etc.), and bulk dates for the majority of the records contained within the collection. It may also list out separate series within the collection if they exist (i.e. alumni association, affiliated or transitioned schools, etc.).

Statement of Arrangement: The Society of American Archivists Archives Terminology Dictionary defines arrangement as "the process of organizing materials with respect to their provenance and original order, to protect their context and to achieve physical or intellectual control over the materials." Therefore, this section will generally share about how the collection was arranged

Restrictions on Use and Access: This section will include any restrictions for accessing or using the collection in its entirety or in regards to a specific portion of the collection (i.e. transcripts, photographs).

Indexing Terms: This section utilizes Library of Congress Authorities to provide specific subject or name authority terms that relate to this specific school and/or collection.

Collection Inventory: This section will share descriptions for each folder and/or box included within the collection. It may provide item-level description, but will generally share the types of records included in a particular file as well as a date range.

Although all of these fields are included in the project template, **they may not all be included in a specific submission.** Along with that, the submission may be arranged or formatted in a different way than other submissions included in the guide.

Please note that most of the finding aids included in this guide contain records relating to a specific time period that were generated when the diocese or religious community served at or operated the respective school. Because of this, **some schools will have multiple entries included in the guide**.

This resource guide will be updated annually as submissions are received. If you would like to include a finding aid for a Catholic Native boarding school collection currently not listed, please utilize this project template and send the completed document to the **ACWR National Office** at **archivistsacwr@gmail.com**.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NOTE: This Glossary of Terms is provided from the introduction to the List of Catholic-operated Native Boarding Schools in the United States, pre-1978. It includes primarily Catholic terminology that readers may encounter in submissions to the resource guide.

Archbishop: a member of the Catholic Church's hierarchy who is among the order of bishops but because he typically governs an archdiocese or was involved in some prominent field of work (such as being a member of the Vatican diplomatic corps), is accorded the title of archbishop.

Archdiocese: a diocese in a large city or area with a large Catholic population. An archdiocese is headed by an archbishop or cardinal who, like all members of the order of bishops, are appointed by the Pope.

Archives: records—such as letters, reports, accounts, minute books, and photographs—of people, businesses, and government that are kept because they have continuing value to the institutions, historians, and to other potential users.

Authority: when applied to the Catholic Church, the term denotes oversight powers. Bishops of dioceses have spiritual, moral, legal, and fiduciary authority over the diocese to which they are assigned. The source for this authority is based in Christian scripture and tradition. In Catholic institutions, authority is vested in office holders in the Church, from the Pope to Cardinals to Arch/bishops to priests to deacons. The true test of authority is the reception by the faithful of the decrees or policies of these office holders.

Bishop: a Catholic clergyman that has authority by virtue of their office. It is the fullest expression of holy orders—that is, of the three hierarchical rankings (bishop, priest, and deacon). One of the primary functions of bishops is governance. They may do so in conjunction with a particular ministry or have oversight over a diocese. Bishops, sometimes called the local ordinary, are appointed to their see or diocese by the Pope, thus manifesting a link between the particular church and the church universal.

Boarding School: an educational institution that has onsite housing for students. The function of the boarding school is for social cohesion, that is, child development and indoctrination that is facilitated through instruction in the place where one lives. Some boarding schools also have day students who attend the institution by day and return off-campus to their families in the evenings.

Brother: among religious orders of men, non-ordained clerics are referred to as brothers. Like religious order priests, these men take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They also live in community and help in various ministerial capacities. But their role is circumscribed by the fact that they cannot perform sacramental ministry, such as celebrating Mass or hearing confession.

Catechesis: religious instruction that may take place outside of a church or school setting. Catechesis is a gradual and systematic study of how to be a Catholic person. Its tenets are always adapted to the age, ability, and circumstances of the individual. Historically, however, the way in which this has been done has varied—from the days of the early Church and the ritualistic entrance into the Church community to the rote memorization of the contents of catechetical manuals to a modern-day method that presents the contents of the faith in more pastoral terms.

Catholic: in the context of the List of Catholic-operated Native Boarding Schools in the United States, pre-1978, its introduction, and other related documents, Catholic refers to the Latin Rite ("Roman") Catholic Church. Other Christian denominations also operated Native boarding schools, but they are not covered by the scope of this list.

Clergy: people ordained for religious duties, such as deacons, priests, and bishops.

Congregations of men or women religious, or religious orders: organizations within the Catholic Church that consist of either men or women who profess vows and live under the obedience of a superior within a community structure in accordance with a specific rule of life. Men and women religious are also known by terms such as Father, Brother, Sister, Mother, monk, friar, or nun. The abbreviations of their community names are often given after their surnames to indicate their affiliation to the order.

Convent: typically, this refers to the dwelling for women religious, but older usage can sometimes link convents to the houses of certain male religious orders.

Day School: a day school permits students to live off site, typically at home, but instruction is given during regular school hours during the day. Many parochial schools are considered day schools.

Diocese: territorial area administered by a bishop. Typically, a diocese is divided into parishes that are each overseen by priests. In the Latin Catholic church, only the pope can create, divide, or merge a diocese, but it is the local bishop who manages it and is the source for sacramental ministry in that place. Multiple dioceses may be part of a province, a cluster of dioceses in proximity to one another.

Diocesan school: the school was established and operated by a bishop or diocese as part of the overall parochial school system.

Episcopal See: a diocese. Derived both from "episcopal," or having to do with a bishop, and the Latin *sedes*, which means seat or chair. It is a symbolic chair also known as the bishop's *cathedra*, that is located in the bishop's principal church, also known as a cathedral. In practical terms it is the city from which the diocese operates or has its administrative headquarters. An Episcopal see can move between cities without changing the boundaries of a diocese. For example, in 1923 the episcopal see for the Diocese of Alton (Illinois) moved to Springfield, Illinois. The boundaries for the diocese remained the same, but the diocese was renamed: Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Industrial school: an educational setting—either as a boarding or day school—which focuses on training students in industrial skills such as mechanics, plumbing, or welding. A type of industrial school might sometimes be referred to as a *manual labor school* in which students are taught skills related to building or agricultural projects. Both types of schools have come to be seen as a method of social control.

Laity or Lay People: the ordinary people or members of a religious faith as distinct from the clergy.

Mission: a unit of a parish that lies at some distance and for which there is yet to be a critical mass of church members for their own parish. Mission centers may consist of a number of entities, from chapels and schools to clinics or employment services, depending upon the needs of local Catholics.

A mission goes beyond the established institution and the set boundaries of the institute that runs it. Though a mission attached itself to a central institution like a parish, and was often dependent upon it for personnel, a mission was often run by local people for local people who would not ordinarily be able to travel to the primary location, either for worship or other services.

Monastery: applied equally to men and women religious, this type of dwelling differs from a "rectory" or "convent" or "friary" because it is marked by sections designated as "enclosed." That is, the "enclosure," is the private residence of monastery occupants, to which lay people are not normally admitted.

Parish: a community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular Church that is entrusted to a pastor under the authority of a diocesan bishop. More plainly, the parish is the community while the church is a building. Many parishes have a defined territorial boundary; others are "personal" parishes affiliated with a particular ethnic group or community.

Parish school: the school was operated by a parish or mission. Either religious or secular pastors would often contract with a vowed religious community (comprised of priests, brothers, or nuns) to supply teaching and administrative staff. Sometimes also labeled "parochial" schools.

Priest, diocesan or secular: also known as a secular priest, diocesan priests make promises to obey a bishop and serve in a particular diocese or archdiocese. They are "incardinated" into that diocese, which means that they bind themselves to a local bishop's authority. Diocesan priests are primarily assigned by the bishop to serve at a parish, although they can be assigned to other duties, such as hospital chaplain, prison ministry, social work, or diocesan administration.

Priest, religious order: religious order priests take solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience after a long period of reflection and choose to live out these vows in a particular community, e.g. Dominicans, Benedictines, Franciscans, Jesuits, etc. Religious order priests are not automatically assigned to a particular diocese or parish, such as diocesan clergy. Instead, the superior of the order tells a religious priest where he will live to carry out his ministry and the ministry itself is often laid down in the form of "obedience" or directive from the superior. Religious order priests often live in community with one another, assisting each other in a particular mission. They can work in a variety of ministries, though they can also administer the sacraments and celebrate Mass. Their work depends on the *charism* of their religious order, which refers to the spirituality and particular focus for which the order was founded. Ministries can include teaching, working for the poor, leading a contemplative life, or running a parish. All religious order priests live out their vocation through observance of the order's Rule—the thread that binds all members and establishes basic structures for their shared identity and spiritual life.

Private school: The school was owned and operated by a congregation of men or women religious. As part of their own charism or way of life, individual religious orders would often establish an educational institution in connection to a parish that they served. This would be established within a diocese with the consent of the local bishop, typically by contract. Identification of these kinds of schools can vary between "private" and "parochial." Some church directories are sometimes imprecise in their usage, as "parochial" can also refer to parish schools.

Province: Geographical and administrative subdivision of a number of Catholic religious orders, dioceses, or congregations. In the nineteenth century, for instance, it was common to refer to large swaths of the United States as falling into the Province of Baltimore. Typically, in the hierarchical scheme, the territory would be headed by a metropolitan see and governed by an archbishop or cardinal.

Provincial: the superior of a province of a religious order. They help guide province policies and have their authority typically recognized by General Superiors.

Rectory: a dwelling typically designated as the parish house and occupied by local clergy. Typically, this refers to diocesan or secular priests, though it can commonly refer to any cleric's home.

Sister or Nun: a woman who has taken public vows in a religious order or congregation. Although the terms "nun" and "sister" are often used interchangeably, within the Catholic Church, there is a difference between the two. A nun is a woman who professes solemn vows and lives a contemplative life in a monastery which is usually cloistered (or enclosed), and her ministry is centered within and around the monastery, whereas a sister is a woman who professes simple vows, and lives and ministers within the world through service in education, health care, social justice, or various other ministries associated with the *charism* (spiritual focus) of her order. Sisters may or may not live in community. Nuns wear habits, while sisters may or may not. Both nuns and sisters can also be called "women religious," and both are addressed with the title "Sister."

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ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

KOMATKE (LAVEEN), ARIZONA

Title: LA Province Collection: St. John's School, AZ

Dates: 1898-1995

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence, reports, and photographs, from the Los Angeles Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Cold Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

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Publications:

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Archival Collections: St. Louis Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

Individual Sister's Research: Murphy, Mary; Los Angeles Province Collection, located with sister's personal drop file

Photos: See Series 601.57, Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Los Angeles Province, located in Los Angeles, CA

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister oral histories. Search a particular sister's name from this ministry in the oral history file for further research.

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Historical Note: The day school opened Komatke, AZ with lay teachers until Sr. Mary Berchmanns, a Mercy Sister from Phoenix, came to teach the girls for about a year. In 1901, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet arrived and opened a boarding section at the school in 1902. The Sisters served there until 1938. Note about Komatke/Laveen, AZ: The school was located in Komatke, a village in the Gila River Reservation. It is located directly south of Laveen and is part of the postal jurisdiction for Laveen, meaning it has a Laveen mailing address. The two place names are used interchangeably when referring to the school.)

Scope and Content: This collection consists of less than one linear foot of correspondence, histories, photographs and documents concerning St. John's Industrial School.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Restricted items may not be listed in this finding aid. This includes, but is not limited to, some correspondence (subject to restriction until 50 years after the death of the writer) and primary sources that identify minors by name or represent their likeness (subject to restriction for 100 years). This includes school, orphanage, and hospital records. Additionally, copies of primary sources from other organizations which we do not have permission to share, including those that identify minors, are also subject to restriction.

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Places:

Komatke (Ariz.)
Sierra Estrella (Ariz.)
Laveen (Ariz.)

Collection Inventory

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207.0.2		• Brief history mentions opening of St. John's in 1901 as a vocational school for Indian boys and girls • Brief personal histories of sisters missioned to AZ • Personal history of S. Anne de Sales • Handwritten indenture type document with plot measurements • Memoirs of Sister Anna de Sales • Historical list of firsts	1912-1971
207.0.4		• The Missionary Work of the Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet	February 22, 1922
209.0.4		• Handwritten notes on early sister's mission at St. John's • Reproductions of photos from St. John's • Documentation from Marquette University regarding photographs, 1999	1920-1944
324.4B.1		• Brief history by Fr Englehardt • Correspondence, re: school plot map and lands granted; accounting money needed; recommendation of superintendent; monetary support; importance of the boarding school; daily life; receiving electricity; shipment of clothing; school enrollment;	1901

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: St. John's School, AZ

Dates: 1898-1995

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

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Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

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WI-ke-1.10	1	• Article in The Inter-Unit mentioning school	January, 1926
400.1 Archive Box 24	2	• Sisters of St. Joseph at St. John's Indian Mission article • Brief history of school	
400.1 Archive Box 25	3	• St. John's Indian Mission, Komatke, Az. San Xavier del Bac Indian Mission • Misc. correspondence to Mother Julia from other sisters and students at schools (including Agnes Yeager) • Handwritten history of Komatke • Typed one-page brief history of school • Photos	1901-1919
400.1 Archive Box 25	4	• Interview with S. Anna Francis Stack	1890
400.8 Archive Box 28	1	• 14 photos: group photos, young children, buildings	1902-1918
400.8 Archive Box 28	2	• 10 photos: group photos, buildings	1902-1917
400.9 Archive Box 28	1	• Pamphlet on brief history of Sisters of St. Joseph at St. John's Komatke school	
1109b Archive Box 136	9	• Brief history of school spanning the time period of 1920-1935 by S. Lucida Savage • Brief history of school spanning the time period of 1917-1938 by S. Lucida Savage	1917-1938

ST. BONIFACE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

BANNING, CALIFORNIA

Title: LA Province Collection: St. Boniface Indian Industrial School, CA

Dates: 1889-1969

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence and reports from the Los Angeles Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than 1 linear foot

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Photos: See Series 177.5, Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Los Angeles Province, located in Los Angeles, CA

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Individual Sister's Research: Murphy, Mary; Los Angeles Province Collection, located with sister's personal drop file

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Historical Note: The Benedictine Fathers of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA oversaw the land purchase (paid for by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions) and construction of the school in San Diego, CA. In 1890, the bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles asked Fr. Florian Hahn, C.PP.S. to serve as administrator of the school. Hahn was a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, but he served at the school under the direction of the bishop, rather than his religious community. In 1902, he became a priest for the Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles, thus severing his ties with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood community. Priests from the Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles served at the school until 1921, when the Franciscans took over administration of the school. In 1952, the Franciscans withdrew from the school and priests from the Diocese of San Diego took over administration. By 1950 the majority of the students were not indigenous. Because of the change in demographics, the school underwent many name changes beginning in 1952 including: New Hope USA School, St. Boniface Boys Town of the Desert, Basil Brewer Boys Town of the Desert, Boys Town of the Desert and American Boys Ranch. In 1969, the school was moved to a new campus and in 1974, the original campus at Banning was demolished.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet opened the school in 1891 with Fr. Hahn. The first 6 sisters were Mother Celestia Reilly, Sisters Anan Francis Stack, Alphonse Lamb, Gonzaga Covey, Virginia Joseph Byrne and Lydia Buldger. They served there until 1956.

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Church schools.

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Indigenous education.

Nuns – United States.

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Los Angeles Province.

Places:

Morongo Indian Reservation (Calif.)
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177.5.1		• Catholic Indian schools of the South West Frontier: Curriculum and Management, by Teresa McNeil, n.d. • St. Boniface Indian Industrial School: A History by Kevin Cramer, circa 1975-1980 • Father B. Florian Hawn, n.d. • History of St. Boniface Indian School, n.d. • Article on Banning history, n.d. • St. Boniface's Indian School, circa 1930 • The Mission Indian, published by B.Florian Hawn, April 15, 1900 • Short history of the school, possibly by C Cahil • Financial statement of St. Boniface's Industrial School, 1895-1900 • Handwritten chronology of Banning • Letter to S. Anne Cecilia from S. Serena McCarthy, re: Historical episode in Indian life, circa 1890 • Letter written to Jerry from Fr. Dominic Block, re: Why Benedictines were recalled from Banning, circa 1889-1890 • Handwritten note on the community at Banning 1931-1936 from S. Mary Anne Bahner, n.d	1889-1980
177.5.2		• Readings in Diocesan Heritage, volume VIII, Seek and Ye Shall Find: St. Boniface Indian Industrial School, 1888-1978, compiled by R. Bruce Harley, June, 1994 (includes history, biographies of priests/sisters, and list of pupil/student names from an early roster with notes on a few select pupils)	June 1994
177.5.3		• List of sisters culled from Quarterly Report of Indian schools, August, 1989 • St. Boniface Indian School, Banning quoted from Serran Newsletter of the Serra Club of San Bernardino	

177.5.4		• Correspondence: -Letter to Rev Hahn, re: government support of school -Letter to Rev. Mother Agatha from Rev. Hahn, re: support and cost of running the school -Letter to Rev. Mother Agatha from Rev. Hahn, re: more help for school -Letter to Rev. Mother Agatha from Rev. Hahn, re: money owed to the sisters.	1891-1898
177.5.5		• Annual entertainment of St. Boniface's Industrial School, June 27, 1898 • Annual fiesta to be held at St. Boniface school, Memorial Day, Banning Herald, April 27, 1936	1898-1936
177.5.6		• A note on the origin and additional information on how to find the complete digital copies of The Mission Indian paper found in the Smithsonian archives • Excerpts of The Mission Indian that reference St. Boniface Indian School • Photo of Msgr. Fitzgerald, AKA "Uncle Tom" • Photo of Fr. Hahn and the printing press that printed The Mission Indian	
177.5.7		• Newspaper articles: -Echoes from St. Boniface, The Press-Enterprise, October 5, 1994 -A Short History of St. Boniface Mission, The Banning Record, May 22, 1947 -The Saint Boniface Industrial School for the Indians is the Scene of Activity Nowadays, The Herald of Banning, August 16, 1890 -Father Hawn Kindly Furnished the Following Item, The Herald, May 30, 1891 -Local Brevities, The Herald, May 9, 1891 -The Industrial School, 1894 & Indian Relief, 1890 -The Indian Children, March 1, 1894 -Interesting Letter from Bishop P. Verdaguer, The Tidings, May 27, 1899;	1890-1994

207.0.2		• Memoirs of Sister Anna de Sales • Historical list of firsts	1935-1971
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208.7.15		• Letter from S. M. Ambrosia that mentions the purchase of a new school by Father Stephan in Banning, CA	May 12, 1889
209.0.1		• Copy of description of school found in the National Archives in Washington D.C.	March 31, 1893
209.0.2		• Report of school	1898
209.0.4a		• Handwritten notes on early sister's mission at St. Joseph's • Reproductions of photos from St. Joseph's • Documentation from Marquette University regarding photographs, 1999	1923-1941
210.0.1		• Bureau of Catholic Indian missions' correspondence	1886-1899
210.0.2		• Letters with Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions from Mother Agatha Guthrie, re: St. Boniface	1890-1891
601.31.1		• Historical Review: St. Boniface Indian School	1925
601.31.2		• St. Boniface Indian Industrial School: A History, by Kevin Cramer • History of St. Boniface Indian School Cemetery • St. Boniface's Industrial School, 1-page excerpt • Seek and Ye Shall Find: A History of St. Boniface Indian Industrial School, 1888-1978, by R. Bruce Harley • Readings in Diocesan Heritage: Diocese of San Bernardino, list of volume titles • The History, a timeline • A Pioneer Teacher at St. Boniface Indian School: Sister Anna Frances Stack, 1890-1934, by R. Bruce Harley, Diocesan Heritage Series • Copy of handwritten notes on St. Boniface's Industrial School • Brief note, Banning Memo: Then and Now • History of St. Boniface Indian School • St. Boniface Industrial School, 1890-1956, brief history and timeline • Handwritten timeline from 1888-1981	1900-2008

		• Precious Blood Catholic Church and St. Boniface Indian School, Banning, California, 1890-1990, "The First Hundred Years" • Handwritten note with brief description of school • Letter to S. Anne Cecelia with account of the school • Newspaper excerpt with description of patriotic program/event • Catholic Directory • St. Boniface's Indian School, a brief typed history • St. Boniface School, Banning, CA, Education W. Province • St. Boniface Industrial School, by S. Dolorosa Mannix • First page of brief history of St. Boniface School, by S. Mary Thomas • Printout from website, Indian Tribes of San Bernardino County, CA • Copy of newspaper article, History of old school told, by Alta Rutherford • Various photocopies of pictures, descriptions and brief biographies dealing with St. Boniface with no source listed • Builder/Architect executive summary of area	
601.31.3		• St. Boniface School, a personal account of S. Mary Thomas Lavin, original journal with transcription • A Pioneer Teacher at St. Boniface Indian School, S. Anna Frances Stack, 1890-1934, by R. Bruce Harly, Diocesan Heritage Series • Sister Anna Francis [Stack] • Sister Anna Francis Stack, C.S.J. 1861-1947, The Serran Spokesman • Letter to S. Mary Anne Bahner from Jim Lester, re: experiences at St. Boniface • Several lists of sisters that taught at St. Boniface	1936-1989
601.31.4		• School Report/Records 1934, 1942-1955 • List of teachers/sisters by year • Financial Statement of St. Boniface's Industrial School, 1895-1900	1934-1955
601.31.5		• Correspondence with Bishop Charles F. Buddy, re: events and happenings at St. Boniface	1944-1955
601.31.7		• Correspondence with Fr. Justin Deutsch, re: financial standing of St. Boniface and thanks for checks sent	1925-1934

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601.31.9		• Letter from Fr. Florian Hahn, re: sending children to school • Account of Fr. Florian Hahn and his association with St. Boniface school	1913
601.31.10		• Letter of His Lordship, Bishop T.J. Conaty, To the Catholic Indians of the Diocese: My Dear Children	1903
601.31.11		• Various correspondence to and from sisters at St. Boniface	1903-1988
601.31.12		• Quarterly Report of St. Boniface's Industrial School, June 30, 1908 • Partial copy of Quarterly Report of St. Boniface's Industrial School, December 31, 1908 • St. Boniface Industrial School, a brief history • The Mission Indian • List of Receipts and Disbursements • Letter /account of education of part Cherokee and part African American 12-year-old girl, February 18, 1929 • Letter from S. Francis, re: orphan girl named Rosa, September 22, 1911 • Letter with report of statistics from Rev. Fr. Marcian Bucher to Rev. Daniels, November 7, 1951 • An Archaeological and Historical Assessment of Areas 1 and 4 of Amendment Number 1 to the Banning Downtown Redevelopment Project and Executive Summary, April, 1980 • Handwritten list of confirmations	1908-1980
601.31.15		• Alumni list compiled for 1995 celebration • Letter from Rosa Mystica Chutnicut, re: account of garden, orchard and produce, February 7, 1922	1922, 1995
601.31.16		• Salvete Christi Vulnera hymnal with picture of St. Boniface's Industrial School on the front	
601.31.17		• Premier Missionary to the Indians, by R. Bruce Harley, The Odyssey, April/May/June, 1986 • A Pioneer Teacher, by Dr. R. Bruce Harley, The Odyssey, October/November/December, 1988 • First page of The Mission Indian, April 15, 1900	1900-1988
601.31.18		• Postcard with view of St. Boniface • Photocopies of various photos of buildings and students and people	1888-1949

601.31.19		• Various accounts of clergy that served at St. Boniface, including Rev. Florian B. Hahn, Father George L. Willard; Rev. Bernardine; Father Dominic Block	1907-1983
601.31.20		• List of those buried at St. Boniface Indian School Cemetery taken from copies of microfilm also in folder (originals owned by the San Diego Diocese) • St. Boniface Indian School Cemetery, R. Bruce Harley, Diocesan Heritage Series • Letter to S. Georgeann from Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen re: care of cemetery • St. Boniface Indian School Cemetery: Should It Be Listed in the National Register?, Seren Newsletter, San Bernardino Serra Club • Letter to Rev. Anton Sommer from Randy Sherwood, re: fence line of cemetery	1974-1989
601.31.23		• Newspaper articles dealing with history of the school, including some pictures and interviews of former students, as well as the demolition of the former school	1940-1994

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: St. Boniface Indian Industrial School, CA

Dates: 1889-1969

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence and reports from the St. Louis Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than 1 linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Records Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Carondelet Consolidated Archives, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO

Related Material:

Publications:

-Adams, D.W. (1995). *Education for extinction: American Indians and the boarding school experience, 1875-1928*. University Press of Kansas.

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Archival Collections: Los Angeles Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

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Historical Note: The Benedictine Fathers of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA oversaw the land purchase (paid for by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions) and construction of the school in San Diego, CA. In 1890, the bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles asked Fr. Florian Hahn, C.PP.S. to serve as administrator of the school. Hahn was a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, but he served at the school under the direction of the bishop, rather than his religious community. In 1902, he became a priest for the Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles, thus severing his ties with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood community. Priests from the Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles served at the school until 1921, when the Franciscans took over administration of the school. In 1952, the Franciscans withdrew from the school and priests from the Diocese of San Diego took over administration. By 1950 the majority of the students were not indigenous. Because of the change in demographics, the school underwent many name changes beginning in 1952 including: New Hope USA School, St. Boniface Boys Town of the Desert, Basil Brewer Boys Town of the Desert, Boys Town of the Desert and American Boys Ranch. In 1969, the school was moved to a new campus and in 1974, the original campus at Banning was demolished.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet opened the school in 1891 with Fr. Hahn. The first 6 sisters were Mother Celestia Reilly, Sisters Anan Francis Stack, Alphonse Lamb, Gonzaga Covey, Virginia Joseph Byrne and Lydia Buldger. They served there until 1956.

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Places:
Morongo Indian Reservation (Calif.)
Banning (Calif.)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
003.4-4		• Correspondence -$300 towards traveling expense for Sisters to go to Banning; Money given to ready the school for opening -2 Sisters being sent from Los Angeles to Banning -Introduction of Rev. Florian Hahn; request for bills -Request for bills for Sisters salaries -Acknowledgment of receipt of payment and asking if Sisters would be willing to run the school	August 2, 1890-December 19, 1890
WI-ke-1.10	1	• Article in The Inter-Unit mentioning school	January, 1926
400.1 Archive Box 24	2	• Brief history of the school	
400.1 Archive	1	• Historical Review, St. Boniface Indian School, Banning, CA, 1925 • Commencement Exercises announcement,	1890-1974

Box 25		• Banning: St. Boniface's Indian School news clipping, October 24, 1924 • Bright Little Indians (1st annual commencement announcement) • Letters to/from J.A. Stephan, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, & Rev. Mother Agatha Guthrie: June 28, 1890-November 14, 1890 (to Guthrie from Chas. Lusk), December 19, 1890 • St. Boniface's Indian School (short, one-page typed account) • Letter to Rev. F. Hahn September 9, 1891 • Accounts of St. Boniface School, Banning, Cal. (financial ledger pages) 1891-1893 • Letters to Rev. Mother Agatha Guthrie from Rev. Florian Hahn: May 27, 1892-June 20, 1893 • The Mission Indian Vol. V, April 15, 1900 • Letter to Rev. J.A. Stephan May 19,1891 • Letter to Rev. Mother Agatha Guthrie from Chas. Lusk May 28, 1891 • Letter to Guthrie from Hahn October 26, 1891 • Letter to Rev. Mother from Hahn September 5, 1892 • Letters to/from Hahn: September 15, 1892, April 6, 1898 • More the Mission Indian copies • Incomplete typed letter to Reverend Mother written from St. Mary's Academy in Los Angeles • Letter to Mother Agnes Gonzaga Ryan from Archbishop of San Francisco Patrick William Riordan • Letter to Mother M. Julia Litteneker from S. M. Thomas L., February 3, 1905 • Letters from William H. Ketcham, director of Bureau of Indian Affairs: August 9, 1905, March 8, 1906 • Composition paper on the city of Banning by 7th grade student Richard C. Gonzales • Letter/composition on St. Boniface's garden by 5th grade student Rosa Mystica Chunicut, February 7, 1922 • Homily for the Sisters of St. Joseph on the Re-Interment of Sisters of Banning by Rev. Jerome L. Cummings • Eucharistic Celebration in Honor of Our Deceased Sisters, November 23, 1974 • Reflections of Sister St. Joan (S. St. Joan Willert) on the Reinternment of Our Sisters, circa 1974	

FORT YUMA INDIAN SCHOOL

FORT YUMA, CALIFORNIA

Title: Los Angeles Province Collection: Fort Yuma Indian School, CA

Dates: 1886-1900

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence, reports and articles from the Los Angeles Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: One linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

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Publications:

-*Letters of Fort Yuma, California, chronologically arranged 1886-1904,* February 1, 2001

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Archival Collections: St. Louis Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

Individual Sister's Research: Murphy, Mary, Los Angeles Province Collection, located with sister's personal drop file

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Historical Note: The United States Army built Fort Yuma, California and converted it into a school in 1884 run by a Presbyterian teacher. The school was unsuccessful and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet were asked to take over in 1886. The school opened as a boarding school by Sisters Ambrosia O'Neill, Ancita Byren, Alphonse Lamb, Mary Joe Franco and Leotine Bouchet. Mother Agatha Guthrie withdrew the Sisters in April 1900.

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Nuns – United States.

Quechua Indians.

Yuma Indians

Organizations/Corporations:
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Places:
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207.0.4		• The Missionary Work of the Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet	February 22, 1922
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208.7.3	3	• Letter to Mother Agatha Guthrie from Fr. Zephyrin discussing controversy over teaching of religion • Letters to various CSJs describing decline of school following sisters' departure in 1900	1886-1905
208.7.4	4	• Collection of letters from students to Mother Julie Litteneker on occasion of her jubilee • Letter from the Secretary of the Interior transmitting a copy of an agreement with the Yuma Indians, with a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and accompanying papers, 53d Congress, 1894 (2 copies)	1890-1894
208.7.5	5	• Excerpt from Cross currents along the Colorado: The Impact of Government Policy on the Quechan Indians by Robert L. Bee, 1981, p. 20-21. Includes background on school and several references to Superintendent Mary O'Neil (S. Ambrosia). (2 copies)	1981
208.7.6	6	• Copies of records of baptisms at the Fort Yuma School Chapel	1894-1897

208.7.7	7	• Memoirs of S. Magdalen Gaffney as related to S. Geraldine Lloyd, n.d. (3 copies) • Sister Magdalen memoirs • Sister Magdalen's Reminiscences;	n.d.
208.7.8	8	• Copies of newspaper articles: A Horrible Case of Depravity, Yuma Indian Girls Sold to White Men, Los Angeles Herald (?), July 15, 1893; A Governmental Nunnery at Fort Yuma, November 15, 1886; A Sketch of the Yuma Indian School Editorial, March 14, 1891; Yuma, Arizona, Reply to San Fransisco Argonaut, December 3, 1886; Sisters of St. Joseph Retrace Order's 131-Year History Here, Arizona Daily Star, June 24, 2001; California Snapshots image of caption of students at the Fort Yuma Indian School about 1890, from the California History Journal, December, 1896; Bicentennial at Fort Yuma, The Tidings, July 11, 1986; Scene of Depredations, May, 1937; A Mission in the Wilderness, The Catholic News, 1894; Indian Education, August 2, 1890; Transcript of article on the Fort Yuma Indian School, Catholic Tidings, February 27, 1897; How Fort Yuma was almost delayed by a San Diego Death, The San Diego Union, Augutst 10, 1980; From River Crossing to Fort, by Megan Reid; The Sisters of St. Joseph Leave Fort Yuma School, The Mission Indian, n.d.;	1886-1986
208.7.9	9	• Catholic Indian Schools of the Southwest Frontier: Curriculum Management, by Teresa McNeil, Southern CA Quarterly • The Government Indian School at Fort Yuma, 1886-1900, historical sketch S. Alberta Cammack (3 copies) • Government School -- Fort Yuma, Calif., Brief History circa 1940-1950 • The Sisters Came to the Mission, short historical sketch • S. Thomas Marie McMahon, Sisters of St. Joseph: AZ's Pioneer Religious Congregations, 1870-1890, Historical Account of Fort Yuma School, pp 131-146 • S. Ann Cecilia Smith"The Government School at Fort Yuma, CA" Educational Activities of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Western Province, 1870-1903, pp 53-56	1870-1960

		• List of Protestant gentlemen who held positions at the Fort Yuma Indian School during the sisters' occupancy, circa 1899-1900 (Col. Youngblood, Charles Keith, Mr. Follet, George Mander, L. Stratton) • "A Narrow Escape" Historical account of threats to M Ambrosia O'Neil by Chief Miguel • Handwritten notes by Sr Catherine Louise LaCoste Extensive notes on Fort Yuma reservation, mission and sisters • "Letter from the Secretary of the Interior" Proceedings of Congress, March 21, 1894 Committee on Indian Affairs (53D Congress) • Sr Mary Thomas Lavin "Memoirs of Fort Yuma, AZ' Personal historical account, circa 1934-1944 (2 copies) • Sisters of St. Joseph Under Fire, by Teresa McNeil, The Journal of Arizona History, Spring, 1988 (2 copies) • Fort Yuma Parish, Catholic Directory and Parish Gazetteer, 1899 • "The Government Indian School at Fort Yuma", 1886-1900 (info taken from an account by S. Thomas Lavin: 2 copies) • Franciscan Padre Asks for Much Needed Help for His Yuma Indians, The Calumet, May, 1939 • Excerpt from Fort Yuma School, Educational Works of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Arizona 1903-1963, by S. Barbara Alice Perkins • Indian Mission at Fort Yuma, California, circa 1950-1960 • The Story of St. Thomas Indian Mission and the Forgotten Colorado River Missions at the Historic Yuma Crossing; Untitled Historical Account (incomplete) • Reproduction of one of the earliest known paintings of Fort Yuma • Places in the Diocese where Mass is Celebrated, Catholic Directory • From River Crossing to Fort, by Megan Reid, Arizona Historical Society • Reproduction of photos from Fort Yuma Indian School • Footnotes • Map of Yuma Depot • Map of Fort Yuma	

208.7.10	10	• List of Sisters at Fort Yuma and Sacred Heart School (includes bibliography) • List of Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet in Yuma • "Quarterly Report of Indian Schools" for quarter ending June 30, 1886 listing salaries and positions of employees, including sisters (2 copies) • Statistics of the Fort Yuma School, May 1, 1886, (2 copies)	1886
208.7.11	11	• Letter to Mother Julia Litteneker from S. M. Joseph, re: day to day life with mention of children singing and coming to see them • Letter from S. M. Joseph, re: the unrest and threats that the sisters were experiencing	1886,1899
208.7.12	12	• Correspondence from S. Julie Litteneker to Mother Agatha Guthrie -Content might include: Chief Pasqual's confidence in the sisters and his appeal for the sisters' help with Washington on behalf of the Yumas; ordinary affairs at Fort Yuma; sister's leaving Fort Yuma and the sisters' possible new missions; telling of the baptism and death of a small boy, the enrollment at the school, the health of the sisters and her visitation itinerary through the West; the religious exercises at the Fort, the hope for Chief Pasqual's baptism and the adult Indians who sit in the back of the classrooms during instruction; Chief Pasqual's desire to become a Christian, S. Julia's gift to him of a medal and her request that M Agatha send him a suit for his Baptism; Sisters' visit to Fort Yuma, their meeting Chief Pasqual and his wife, as well as the sisters' naming the Fort "Mount Hope" --for the conversion of the Yumas; setting up the convent and making preparations for the chapel; reconsideration on the request for money and mention of efforts to learn the Yuma language; visit to Fort Yuma to make an inventory, opposition from the Jewish people at the Fort and Chief Pasqual's message; still unable to go to Fort Yuma due to business papers, a letter from Bishop Mora of LA giving his blessing on their endeavors and directions from Treasury Dept; permission granted from Washington to transfer the school to the sisters, a description of the Yuma	1886-1889

		people and the poor condition of the buildings; describing the poor conditions of the Yuma Indians, possibility of not going to the Fort until after Easter, and the visit of a Yuma man to the sisters; Presbyterian ladies had been in charge of the school Chief Pasqual had not been in favor of it, but looks forward to the coming of the sisters; sisters will soon arrive at the Fort, mention of Fr Ubach and Sr Valeria Bradshaw in San Diego who has financial difficulties at Acad of OLP;	
208.7.13	13	• Correspondence: -To Rev. Mother from Aniceta Byrne, re: detailed account of Colonel Preston's inspection and the fatal accident of a small Co-co-pah boy, Mention of property purchase in Banning, May 15, 1889 -To Rev. Mother from Aniceta Byrne, re: controversy over Miss O'Neil (S. Ambrosia) being administrator of the school as well as support given to the sisters by Republican Methodists (Protestant), March 7, 1890 -To S. Aniceta Byrne from W.T.H. (William Harris?), re: appointment of Mr Capt Jose as Chief Magistrate King of the Yumas, November 25, 1894 -To Rev. Mother from Aniceta Byrne, re: M. Ambrosia (O'Neil)'s trouble, April 5, 1899	1889-1899
208.7.14	14	• Correspondence of S. Ambrosia O'Neil -Re: The poor health of some of the sisters and children; mention of opening a hospital to care for the children; the dreadful time the sisters are having with the Indians; the continued typhoid epidemic and the withdrawal of children because of the epidemic; ridicule of religion; the school clerk turning against the school and rumors that she was to be "sent away"; retreats of the sisters; the baptism of Chief Pasqual and his possible early death; Papago girls to be sent to the school; still much sickness including chicken pox; new equipment; support from the Indian Agent; request from the Captain at Yuma to send children to the	1886-1887

		school; the arrival of Fr Zepheryn and a description of some repairs in the convent; the visit of Inspector Gardner; the required inventory; the Inspector's visit with Chief Pasqual; remarking on Chief Pasqual's appreciation of the sisters' teaching; money matters and school enrollment; payment for services and new teachers expected; Mr. Frank annoyance that sisters are in charge of the school, expecting him to write Washington to have them removed; an interview with Chief Pasqual who told the parents the sisters had a good school and to allow the children to return in September; estimate on the buildings, sick sisters and a shipment from Washington for the school; Sr Julia Litteneker's feast; Chief Pasqual's new suit; repairs in the old convent; enrollment in the school; correspondence from Washington; Chief Pasqual's poor health; Apache incidents near Tucson; Americans who have laid claim to Yuma land; need for medicine for the Indians; closing the school for summer; Chief Pasqual's speech encouraging the children to return in the fall; the contentment of the sisters; supplies sent from Gov and inventory requirements; Chief Pasqual's affirmation of the sisters; the health of the sisters; Washington not allowing an interpreter; the announcement of Fr Zepheryn's assignment at Ft Yuma; an update on the renovation of all the buildings; a complaint of Mr. Peters, a workman at the Fort, sent to M Agatha; a great deal of sickness among the natives; visit of Inspector Gen Armstrong; mention of Mr. Peters, workman; sickness and death of the Indians; only 30 children left in the school; remarks of the latest Inspector; regulations from Washington; visit of Special Agent Heath; great sickness causing many deaths; mention of Mr. Peters and sisters' support of him; telling of the baptism of Chief Pasqual, his death and funeral; her retreat in Carondelet; how Mr. Peters is doing; mention of Chief Miguel; their return journey and the hearty welcome they received at the Fort; Mr. Peters' suspicion of being robbed by an Indian; visit from Fr JA Stephan and Bishop Salpointe; the arrival of the	

		physician and clerk; the “fearful time the sisters have been having”; activities in the school and Sr Ambrosia O’Neil’s request to cure a horse; saying the Gov agent will have the papers ready for signature so that Mary (Sr Ambrosia) O’Neil can “enter into possession”; salary of the sisters; Pasqual’s visit to the Indians to encourage attendance at the school; mention of St Joseph Institute; a letter from Washington asking if they want some cows; the expectation that the organ would arrive soon; a thank you for clothes for the children; update on all of the sisters’ health and ministry; a thank you for the Christmas figurines; telling of the children’s reactions to the Christmas figurines sent from S Louis; visit of the provincial; two reporters” positive remarks about the school; her strong reaction on having a clerk assigned to the school from Washington; of the sisters’ displeasure with Fr Zephyrim; stating her mental anxiety regarding two names submitted for employment approval; difficulties in dealing with Washington DC in regard to employees, salaries and provisions; setting up of an account in San Francisco and other financial affairs; the arrival of provisions; a letter from the commissioner relating to open market purchases; repairing of buildings; getting an estimate for steam pump; enrollment; Pasqual’s recruitment efforts; financial matters; improvements in the school and convent; a report on financial matters; report on the priests and sisters; mention of Sacred Heart School and Convent, Yuma, AZ; Confirmation; Fr Chaucot being struck by a man and another wanting to shoot the attacker; a new arrival of supplies from Washington; new industrial teacher appointed; lack of money from government; sisters frightened by Indians; Inspector General Armstrong; sickness at the fort; new school in Banning, S. Salesia Early; saying there are only five of the original boys left at the school;	

208.7.15	15	• Correspondence: -Letters of S. Ambrosia O'Neil -Letters from Fort Yuma, excerpts from selected letters -Re: possible purchase by the Congregation of the school land and buildings; Mentions US Treaty with Yuma Indians; allotment of Yuma land and trial of Miguel; growth in enrollment and other events at the school; her discouragement in teaching the Indians as well as a threat from former chief Miguel, that if the sisters did not leave he would kill them; wellbeing of the sisters and ordinary events; typhoid fever epidemic and the deaths of some school children; proposed visit of the Indian agent who would most likely appoint Capt Jose as chief; events at the school and the visit of Special Agent Shelby; updating her on Fort Yuma School and the sisters; unrest among the Indians due to the Gov agent deposing Jose Pama as chief of the Yumas Expectation of trouble; arrival of the superintendent from Washington and his favorable impression with the school, the promise of a physician and hope for a carpenter; enrollment of 100 children, the first marriage ceremony at the Fort and a new young priest from Tucson; Indian trouble between Miguel, the present Chief and the Gov't Police; Mention of fires set and Patrick Miguel sent to San Bernardino to stand trial; Indian trouble between Miguel, the present Chief and the Gov Police; Mention of fires set and the hope that Miguel be sent to another reservation; arrival home from Banning, the visit of Mr. Smiley, the Indian agent and his favorable impressions; update on two sisters' health, a new Dominican Father and the upcoming visit of Inspector Gardner; article in a Phoenix paper that the school cannot be a success, proposed property purchase for expansion; Mention of San Xavier and St Boniface; the health of each of the sisters and requesting 200 medals of St Benedict; effects of the typhoid epidemic; recent baptisms and some employee personal problems; visit of Fr Stephan and 3 Benedictine Fathers on their way to Banning to open a school, and dissatisfaction with regard to a faculty member; saying she had not heard the fate of the school as her bond expires the next month, description of the First Communion ceremony; wishing her a Happy Feast, the expectation of sickness due to the river overflow and some	1986-1900

		difficulties of missionary life; letter from the bishop of Tucson and that the next year's teachers haven't been approved yet; prayers for the difficulties the self-sacrificing sisters are going through and the help the Department has given them this year; severe illness of S. Aniceta Byrne and of their spiritual needs being met by the priests; feelings Miguel has against her and of the Indians feeling certain people are responsible for the illness and deaths suffered by the tribe; reflecting on the trials of the last 7 years, the visit from Inspector Tinker whom Miguel would not see; stating that the rebellious ones were taken away to be tried in Los Angeles and the unexpected departure of Fr William; saying 3 men were called to LA to appear against Miguel and the other prisoners; another 3 men came from Washington about Indian lands; Mr Morgan's visit about possible purchase of land by the Congregation, also he would see that 160 acres would be donated by the Government; bill relative to the reservation and the sisters' buildings would be put to the House of Representatives in February; priests and the possibility that the Mercy Sisters might have to leave Yuma (which was resolved); the visit of Bishop Montgomery; Gen Armstrong's help to the sisters, filling up the school; Fort Yuma children to Sr Julia Litteneker, wishing her a happy feast day;	
209.0.1		• Correspondence from Office of Indian Affairs -Re: Praise for sisters teaching at school; Employee changes; Land cultivation and help of a pump supplied by the government; Proposed conference of superintendents; Personnel needs; Transfer of students to another school	
209.0.3		• Correspondence with the Department of the Interior, Indian Services that reference the time the sisters were at the school	1903-1913
209.0.4a		• Handwritten notes on early sister's mission at St. Joseph's	
210.0.1		• Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions' correspondence	1886-1899
601.106.1		• St. Thomas Indian Mission, brief history • S. Thomas's Account, parts II and III • The Story of St. Thomas Indian Mission, by Charles Russell Quinn (3 copies with photocopy of excerpts about Sisters of St. Joseph and school) • St. Thomas Indian Mission, 200th Anniversary booklet	1893-1980

601.106.2		• Franciscan Padre Asks for Much Needed Help for His Yuma Indians, The Calumet • Crosscurrents Along the Colorado: The Impact of Government Policy on the Quechan Indians, by Robert L. Bee, The University of Arizona Press (photocopy) • Sisters of St. Joseph Under Fire: Pioneer Convent School on the Colorado River, by Teresa McNeil • Hell's Outpost: A History of Old Fort Yuma, by Frank Love, Yuma Crossing Publication Series • CSJ in San Diego, by S. Catherine Louis LaCoste, Southern Cross	1939-1986
601.106.3		• California Snapshots, picture of 14 young girls from Fort Yuma School, Journal of CA Historical Society • Description and map of Fort Yuma • Picture of something from the Museum at Ft Yuma, CA that shows the four daughters of Chief Pasquel • Postcards of Fort Yuma	1890-1986

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: Fort Yuma Indian School, CA

Dates: 1886-1900

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence, reports and articles from the St. Louis Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Records Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Carondelet Consolidated Archives, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO

Related Material:

Publications:

-*Letters of Fort Yuma, California, chronologically arranged 1886-1904,* February 1, 2001

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-Adams, D.W. (1995). *Education for extinction: American Indians and the boarding school experience, 1875-1928*. University Press of Kansas.

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Photos: See Series 208.7, Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Los Angeles Province, located in Los Angeles, CA

Archival Collections: Los Angeles Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister oral histories. Search a particular sister's name from this ministry in the oral history file for further research.

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Historical Note: The United States Army built Fort Yuma, California and converted it into a school in 1884 run by a Presbyterian teacher. The school was unsuccessful and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet were asked to take over in 1886. The school opened as a boarding school by Sisters Ambrosia O'Neill, Ancita Byren, Alphonse Lamb, Mary Joe Franco and Leotine Bouchet. Mother Agatha Guthrie withdrew the Sisters in April 1900.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of less than one linear foot of items that consist of correspondence, reports, histories, and articles concerning Fort Yuma Indian School, CA.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

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Church schools.

Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Nuns – United States.

Quechua Indians.

Yuma Indians

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Los Angeles Province.

Places:

Yuma Reservation (Ariz. and Calif.)

Fort Yuma Reservation (Ariz. and Calif.)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
003.4-1		• "Letters of Fort Yuma 1886-1900", compilation of letters to Mother Agatha Guthrie from various sisters	March 18, 1886-December 20, 1899
003.4-4		• Correspondence -Re: lack of priest; religion and English should be taught in the schools; must gain a foothold before the Protestants	February 4, 1886
003.5-4		• Correspondence of S. Julia Litteneker while in Fort Yuma Re: Setting up of school, needs of school and children, day to day events	1886
WI-ke-1.10	1	• Article in The Inter-Unit mentioning school	January, 1926
400.1 Archive Box 24	2	• Brief history of school	
400.1 Archive Box 26	1	• Several brief histories • Correspondence that mention the school including some from Department of Interior	1886-1900
400.1 Archive Box 26	2	• Statistics of Fort Yuma School, May 1, 1886 • Sisters of St. Joseph, Fort Yuma, a brief history • Correspondence -Re: lack of priest; Sister learning Yuma language; day to day life; inspection from government official; backing of Chief Pasqual in sending children to their school; Mentions of Father Zephyrin; with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; with the Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs;	1886
400.1 Archive Box 26	4	• Correspondence that includes: -Describing day to day life; visits from superintendents from Washington; Chief Pasqual's support of school; Baptisms and confirmations; school set up; teachers; sickness;	1887-1889

400.1 Archive Box 26	6	• Correspondence that includes: - Describing day to day life; visits from superintendents from Washington; Chief Pasqual's support of school; Baptisms and confirmations; school set up; teachers; sickness; Includes a set of letters written by children to Mother Julia in 1890 on occasion of her "feast"; Mention of fever and death; Growth of school;	1890-1899
400.1 Archive Box 26	8	• Brief history of Sisters of St. Joseph at Fort Yuma • Several typed brief histories • Letter from the Secretary of the Interior booklet about the Yuma Indians with mention of land grant for school • Indian Appropriation -Conference Report: Reply of Hon. John J. Fitzgerald, of New York in the House of Representatives, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, on Contract-School Questions • Correspondence -Mention of student activities; day to day life; • Quarterly Report of Indian School with employee names • Typed correspondence from Washington • List of Protestant gentlemen who taught at Fort Yuma	1886-1900
400.9 Archive Box 28	1	• Pamphlet of brief history of Fort Yuma mission	

ST. ANTHONY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Title: LA Province Collection: St. Anthony's Industrial School, CA

Dates: 1887-1908

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence and articles from the Los Angeles Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Cold Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

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Publications:

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Archival Collections: St. Louis Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

Individual Sister's Research: Murphy, Mary, Los Angeles Province Collection, located with sister's personal drop file

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister oral histories. Search a particular sister’s name from this ministry in the oral history file for further research

Processed by: Sally Budge, 2023

Historical Note: In 1887, Rev. Anthony Dominic Ubach received government funding to open a boarding school for Native children in the San Diego, CA area. The Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles named Fr. Ubach as the school's superintendent, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet were asked to serve as teachers. In 1891, the school moved from Old Town to Mission Valley, San Diego. After the death of Fr. Ubach in 1907, students were transferred to St. Boniface and the school closed. The Sisters served at this school until its closing in 1908.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of less than one linear foot of correspondence, histories and documents concerning St. Anthony’s Industrial School.

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Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Nuns – United States.

Organizations/Corporations:
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Los Angeles Province.

Places:
San Diego (Calif.)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
177.5.1		• Catholic Indian schools of the South West Frontier: Curriculum and Management, by Teresa McNeil, n.d.	
207.0.2		• Historical list of firsts	1971
209.0.2		• Report of school	1898
209.0.4a		• Handwritten notes on early sister's mission at St. Joseph's	
210.0.1		• Bureau of Catholic Indian missions' correspondence	1886-1899
210.0.2		• Letter to Mother Agatha Guthrie from Fr. Zephyrin Engelhardt, re: having a priest at Fort Yuma	February 4, 1886
601.23.1		• Correspondence, re: conditions at school • Copy of checks remitted by Bureau of Indian Missions • Excerpt from The Missions and Missionaries of California: San Diego Mission by Fr. Zephyrin Engelhardt • Newspaper clippings of picture of school, circa 1880's • Postcard of San Diego Mission/The Southern Cross	1901-1957

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: St. Anthony's Industrial School, CA

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Archival Collections: Los Angeles Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister oral histories. Search a particular sister's name from this ministry in the oral history file for further research.

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Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Los Angeles Province.

Places:
San Diego (Calif.)

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003.4-4		• Correspondence -Money needed to furnish the school; 15 children already enrolled, expect to have 50	September 16, 1886
WI-ke-1.10	1	• Article in The Inter-Unit mentioning school	January, 1926
400.1 Archive Box 24	2	• Brief history of school	
400.1 Archive Box 25	3	• Letter to S. Lucida from S. Margaret Mary mention of the history of the school May 13, 1921 • Handwritten brief history of school	1921

ST. JOSEPH MISSION SCHOOL

SLICKPOO, IDAHO

Title: LA Province Collection: St. Joseph's Mission School, ID

Dates: 1902-1968

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of records, letters, reports and photographs from the Los Angeles Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Cold Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

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Individual Sister's Research: Murphy, Mary; Los Angeles Province Collection, located with sister's personal drop file

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister's oral histories. These are searchable by sister's name in the oral history file.

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Historical Note: In 1902, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton, IN, opened St. Joseph's Mission School as a boarding school, and by 1915, the school began accepting orphans. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Lewiston, ID took over the school in 1904. In 1925, they amalgamated with what is now the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In 1928, St. Vincent's Orphanage in Pocatello, Idaho closed, and the children were moved to St. Joseph's. Around this same time, the sisters were advised to change the name of the facility to St. Joseph's Orphanage to increase donations. In 1944, the name was changed again to St. Joseph's Children's Home because there were few orphans living there. The Sisters closed the school in 1968.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one box of correspondence, histories and documents concerning St. Joseph Mission School, Slickpoo, Idaho.

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Church schools.

Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Idaho – History.

Nuns – United States.

Nez Percé Indians.

Organizations/Corporations:
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Los Angeles Province.

Places:
Idaho Panhandle (Idaho)

Nez Percé Indian Reservation (Idaho)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
209.0.4a		• Reproductions of photos from St. Joseph's • Documentation from Marquette University regarding photographs, 1999	1924-1929
307.4C.1		• Short historical sketch of St. Joseph's Mission School by Joseph M. Cataldo, SJ	December 31, 1919
307.9B.1		• Notes taken from the Diary of St. Joseph's Mission, Slickpoo, ID, 1902-1904 • Historical sketch, St. Joseph's Mission • Short historical sketch of St. Joseph's Mission School by Joseph M. Cataldo, SJ • Historical sketch, St. Joseph's Mission • St. Joseph's Home: Then and Now • Fire Claims Six, Account of fire from August, 27, 1916 • Essay on Fr. Cataldo and St. Joseph's Children's Home • The Nez Perce Indian Mission, by Rev. Joseph Cataldo	1902-1920
307.9B.2		• Documentation on the Nez Perce and Beginning of St. Joseph mission • Old Mission is Festive Sight • A Giant of a Man was Father Boll • 2 page excerpt on the mission • St. Joseph's Holy Vale • Correspondence, re: documents about St. Joseph's Mission, Slickpoo, ID and the transcription/translation • St. Joseph's Church and Mission, Culdesac, P.O., 1874-1955 • Information regarding S. Mary Josephine Hynes;	1902-1925
601.62.1		• One-page brief history • Mission information survey • Translation of prayers into Nez Perce • Open house summary • Notice of sale of property • St. Joseph's Children's Home, a brief history	1922-1971

		• Founding of the Congregation at Slickpoo • Two by Two, personal account by S. Charlotte • St. Joseph's Children's Home, "Information Sheet" • Summary of the history of St. Joseph's Children's Home compile from S. Charlotte's notes and other sources • Letter about obtaining names of Sisters missioned in Lewiston • History of Mission School • Memories of Mission Creek by Rebecca Wittman • America's Next Saint, The Southern Cross, February 10, 2000 • 2001 Historical Calendar of Nez Perce County Historical Society • Nez Perce National Historical Park brochure • Announcement of closure of school • Program for May Procession Mass • Formulary Prayer recited on entering chapel	
601.62.2		• Faculty list • Letter about donations collected for Japan	1903-1969
601.62.3		• Annual Reports/Records	1926-1967
601.62.4		• Financial reports • Financial statements • Statement of Assets • Handwritten account of assets	1927-1970
601.62.5		• School Rules	1940
601.62.8		• Correspondence, re: day to day life, number of pupils, closing of school • St. Joseph Children's Home (School) in Slickpoo, Idaho, by S. Patricia Rose Shanahan, Designs	1963-1968
601.62.10		• Correspondence to Bishop Treinen, re: drop in student numbers and closing of St. Joseph's	1967-1970
601.62.11		• Copy of editorial from Lewiston Tribune, Indian Children's Care, by Allen P. Slickpoo • Correspondence with the Nez Perce Tribal Council	1961-1969
601.62.12		• Correspondence with Bishop Edward J. Kelly, re: solicitation of funds and school/orphanage's finances	1941-1950

601.62.13		• Correspondence with Bishop Sylvester Treinan, re: solicitation of funds and imminent closure of school	1950-1970
601.62.14		• Correspondence re: needs of school, financial situation, records	1923-1979
601.62.17		• Financial Statements for St. Joseph's Children's Home	1961-1970
601.62.19		• Brochures and solicitation mailers for St. Joseph's Children's Home	
601.62.21		• Photocopies of pictures of school and grounds	
601.62.22		• Photocopies of newspaper articles	1925-2008
601.62.23		• Correspondence, re: financial needs • Report of statistics and demographics	1929
601.62.24		• Compromise Agreement and Settlement legal document	February 25, 1971
601.62.25		• Assignment to Sisters of St. Joseph in California • Minutes of Joint Special Meeting of Members and Directors St. Joseph's Children's Home, INC. • Note to S. Mary Brigid from EWM	1971

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: St. Joseph Mission School, ID

Dates: 1902-1968

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of records, letters, reports, photographs, and artifacts from the St. Louis Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Records Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Carondelet Consolidated Archives, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO

Related Material:

Publications:

-1109b Archive Box 136 3 folders Sister Lucida Savage's History notes/draft

-Adams, D.W. (1995). *Education for extinction: American Indians and the boarding school experience, 1875-1928*. University Press of Kansas.

-Lajimodiere, D.K. (2021). *Stringing rosaries: The history, the unforgivable, and the healing of northern plains American Indian boarding school survivors.* North Dakota State University Press.

- Savage, M.L. (1927). *The congregation of Saint Joseph of Carondelet of Saint Joseph of Carondelet.* B. Herder Book Co.

Archival Collections: Los Angeles Province collection, Carondelet Consolidated Archives, St. Louis, MO

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister's oral histories. These are searchable by sister's name in the oral history file.

Processed by: Sally Budge, 2023

Historical Note: In 1902, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton, IN, opened St. Joseph's Mission School as a boarding school, and by 1915, the school began accepting orphans. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Lewiston, ID took over the school in 1904. In 1925, they amalgamated with what is now the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In 1928, St. Vincent's Orphanage in Pocatello, Idaho closed, and the children were moved to St. Joseph's. Around this same time, the sisters were advised to change the name of the facility to St. Joseph's Orphanage to increase donations. In 1944, the name was changed again to St. Joseph's Children's Home because there were few orphans living there. The Sisters closed the school in 1968.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of less than one linear foot of correspondence, histories and photographs concerning St. Joseph Mission School, Slickpoo, Idaho.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Restricted items may not be listed in this finding aid. This includes, but is not limited to, some correspondence (subject to restriction until 50 years after the death of the writer) and primary sources that identify minors by name or represent their likeness (subject to restriction for 100 years). This includes school, orphanage, and hospital records. Additionally, copies of primary sources from other organizations which we do not have permission to share, including those that identify minors, are also subject to restriction.

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Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools -- United States.

Boarding schools -- Idaho.

Catholic Church -- Education – United States.

Catholic Church -- Education – United States – History.

Catholic schools -- United States.

Catholic schools -- United States – History.

Church schools.

Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Idaho – History.

Nuns – United States.

Nez Percé Indians

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Los Angeles Province.

Places:

Idaho Panhandle (Idaho)

Nez Percé Indian Reservation (Idaho)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
WI-ke-1.10	1	• Article in The Inter-Unit mentioning school	January, 1926
400.8 Archive Box 28	1	• 5 photos: Buildings, some of people that are undiscernible in the distance	Early 1900's
400.10 Archive Box 29	1	• Correspondence: -Mention of taking orphans from closing orphanage into one at Slickpoo; Mention of fire and death of 6 children; • Release from Contract and Agreement regarding school	1923-1925
400.10 Archive Box 29	2	• Correspondence: -Mention of donations towards the school; Enrollment numbers; Mention of case of TB in a student	January 11, 1927; September 23, 1928
400.10 Archive Box 29	3	• The Origin of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Idaho • The Nez Perce Indian Mission, Slickpoo, publication by Rev. Joseph M. Cataldo, SJ • The sisters of St. Joseph in the Northwest, a brief history	1920

POTAWATOMI MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL

ST. MARY'S, KANSAS
SUGAR CREEK, KANSAS

Title: Religious of the Sacred Heart at the Potawatomi Mission, Sugar Creek/St. Mary's, Kansas

Dates: 1841-1879

Creator: Religious of the Sacred Heart

Abstract: Handwritten accounts, journals, and other narratives, manuscript and scans

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 Linear Foot**;** fragile manuscripts; scans can be accessed

Geographic Location(s): Sugar Creek, Kansas; St. Mary's, Kansas

Collection Location(s): Society of the Sacred Heart Archives, St. Louis, Missouri

Language(s): French, English

Preferred Citation: Society of the Sacred Heart Archives, U.S.-Canada Province, St. Louis, Missouri

Related Material: Jesuit Mission, Sugar Creek/St. Mary's, Kansas

Marquette U. archives, Baptismal records, St. Mary's Mission microfilm

https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/SMM/SMM-sc.php

Publications: Maureen J. Chicoine, RSCJ, *Grave on the Prairie : Seven Religious of the Sacred Heart and Saint Mary's Mission to the Potawatomi.* Society of the Sacred Heart, 2018.

Gilbert J. Garraghan, S.J., *The Jesuits of the Middle United States*. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1938. 3 vols. 2.202-208, 602-608; 3.54-57.

Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, and Helen Rosenthal, RSCJ, *Lucile Mathevon, RSCJ (1793-1876) Friend of the Potawatomi.* Society of the Sacred Heart, 2022.

Photos : From related sources; nothing in the collection

Archival Collections: Society of the Sacred Heart Provincial Archives, St. Louis, Missouri

Artifacts: Prayer book and dictionary in Potawatomi

Processed by: Successive provincial archivists

Historical Note: The Jesuits began the Potawatomi mission in Sugar Creek, eastern Kansas, in 1838, soon after the Trail of Death from Indiana. Four Religious of the Sacred Heart arrived in 1841 to conduct a school for Potawatomi girls. The superior, Lucile Mathevon, RSCJ, remained with the mission except for two years, until her death in 1876. She was accompanied in 1841 by Mary Ann O'Connor, RSCJ, Louise Amyot, RSCJ, and famously, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, RSCJ, who for health reasons remained only one year. All the religious attempted to learn Potawatomi. The girls who came to school were often accompanied by their mothers, who were also instructed. Courses included basic literacy, needlework, and religious instruction. The majority of the Potawatomi in the surrounding village were Catholics.

In 1848, the government forced the Potawatomi to move 90 miles to the northwest, to St. Mary's (now St. Marys), Kansas, where the school continued and prospered, becoming a boarding school. The demographic changes in the area, however, brought in more and more white settlers. By 1869, the school had a large number of white students and was incorporated as Academy of the Sacred Heart. Enrollment was almost entirely white and was declining by 1879, when a fire destroyed the adjacent Jesuit school; the Religious of the Sacred Heart closed the school and withdrew, offering their new brick building to the Jesuits.

Scope and Content: Most material focuses on the religious, not the students: foundation accounts, house journals, triennial accounts. There are two lists of 7 and 6 students from 1848-1849, student list of 21 students at St. Mary's in 1865-1866, and the student register 1869-1879.

Statement of Arrangement: Two document boxes, several excerpts in bound volumes, digital scans. The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: physical access to manuscripts limited for reasons of conservation. Full access is provided to scans.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Catholic Church — Education – United States

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Church schools - Native Boarding Schools

Church schools – History

Society of the Sacred Heart – History

Society of the Sacred Heart – History – 19th century

Organizations/Corporations:

Potawatomi Nation

Society of the Sacred Heart

Places:

St. Marys (Kan.)

Sugar Creek (Kan.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	House journal, mostly French, not complete—original and research copies	1841-1879
1	a	Register of religious, incomplete	1845-1879
	b	Community council Minutes	1871-1879
1	c	Memorials of visits by superiors vicar, French	1856-1878
1	d	Register of pupils	1869-1879
1	2	Legal and business documents: incorporation, etc.	1869-1870
1	2	Biographies of Lucile Mathevon, English, typed: O'Dowd and Thompson	unknown
1	2	Photocopies of accounts from *Annual Letters,* French	1841-1877 intermittent
2	1	Day book, house accounts, English	1870-1879
2	Folder 1	Lucile Mathevon, *Commencement de la mission indienne*, ms.	1841
2	1	L. Mathevon, *Journal de la fondation de la mission du SC*, ms.	1841
2	1	E. Schroeder (Shrader), account of life on the mission , ms. English	1856-1879
2	1	L. Mathevon, 4 letters to various recipients	1850-1868
2	1	Account of the foundation, English, handwritten photocopy and typed copy	
2	1	List of 21 students from Jesuit archives	1865-1866
2	1	Autograph letter, Ellen Craney to C. Thompson, English	Undated; before 1926
2	1	Marie Monzert, RSCJ Notes sur la vie de Mère Lucile Mathevon, photocopy typed text, French and English	
2	1	Francis Stuntebeek, SJ, to Julia Thomas, RSCJ. Reminiscences of St Mary Mission; list of 7 students at Sugar Creek 1848 and 6 at St Mary 1848-1849; lists by L. Mathevon. Photocopies of ms. Original of letter in arcgen, Rome. Original of student lists unknown.	9/27/1894

2	Folder 2	Plot Plan: St. Mary's & photocopy	dated 1870, made after 1879, probably early 20th century
2	Folder 2	Documentation of division of property with Jesuits	1869
2	Folder 2	1870 census, retyped, annotated, 93 names, possibly 2/3 Indian; photocopy jpgs of census pages	
2		Various later accounts, excerpts, clippings, reuse of buildings	
	Museum	Prayerbook in Potawatomi	

OSAGE MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL

OSAGE MISSION, KANSAS
ST. PAUL, KANSAS

Title: LHC06 Schools, Kansas, Osage Mission / St. Paul Manual Labor School for Girls, St. Ann's Academy, St. Francis Academy

Dates: 1860-2008

Creator: Sisters of Loretto

Abstract: This collection contains ledger books, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and memoir-style accounts from the Manual Labor School for Girls, St. Ann's Academy, and St. Francis Academy in Osage Mission / St. Paul, Kansas. It also contains research materials and manuscripts collected and written after the closure of the schools.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear ft.

Geographic Location(s): Osage Mission, Kansas; St. Paul, Kansas; Neosho County, Kansas

Collection Location(s): Loretto Heritage Center stacks, shelf A-6

Language(s): Eng.

Preferred Citation: Sisters of Loretto Heritage Center, LHC06: Schools, Kansas, Osage Mission / St. Paul, [folder title].

Related Material:

Publications:

- *Annals of Osage Mission*, W.W. Graves (Graves, 1935)
- *Life and Letters of Fathers Ponziglione, Schoenmakers and Other Early Jesuits at Osage Mission,* W.W. Graves (Graves, 1916)
- *Life and Letters of Rev. Father John Schoenmakers S.J.: Apostle to the Osages*, W.W. Graves (The Commercial Publishers, 1928)
- *Getting Sense: The Osages & Their Missionaries*, James D. White (Sarto Press, 1997)
- *The Osages and Father Schoenmakers, S.J.: Interesting Memoirs Collected from Legends, Traditions, and Historical Documents,* Paul Mary Ponziglione (Felix and Margaret Diskin, 2014)
- *Beacon on the Plains,* Mary Paul Fitzgerald (St. Mary College, 1939)
- *Life and Times of Mo. Bridget Hayden,* W.W. Graves (Journal Press, 1938)
- *Osage Mission Sesquicentennial, 1847-1997: Celebrating 150 Years,* Mary Frances VanLeeuwen Casey (Jostens, 1997)

Photos:

- Our school photograph collection can be found online at https://lorettocommunity.canto.com/v/archives and includes images from St. Ann's and St. Francis.

Archival Collections:

- Personnel Files (LHC04) of Sr. Bridget Hayden and others who worked in Kansas during this period and Osage Srs. Coaina and Lorenza Mongrain.
- Administrative files (LHC02) of the early administrations (1822-1876), Mo. Dafrosa Smythe (1876-1882, 1888-1893), Mo. Ann Joseph Mattingly (1882-1888), Mo. Catherine Connor (1893-1896), and Mo. Praxedes Carty (1896-1922).
- General Council materials (LHC03) for 1849-1870. Major decisions and correspondence with the Bureau of Indian Affairs would be found in this collection.
- Personal Mission Materials (LHC17) of Sr. Lilliana Owens, who researched and wrote about the Sisters of Loretto in Kansas.
- Published Resources (LHC13) including the Loretto Literary Magazine (1898-1918) and the manuscript "One Hundred and Fifty Years" by Sr. Matilda Barrett.
- *The Sisters of Loretto and the Indian Boarding Schools Century,* Libby Comeaux, Co-member (December 2023), along with papers, books, and digital records gathered for purposes of this research. Some materials from this collection are restricted.

Related Collections *not* in the Archives:

- Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Milwaukee, WI.
- National Archives and Records Administration, Denver, Ft Worth, and DC.
- Annual Reports to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (available online).
- Osage Mission Neosho County Museum, St. Paul, KS.
- Osage Mission Collection, Jesuit Archives and Research Center, St Louis, MO.
- The Western History Collection, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO.
- Resource List from the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project. https://ahprojectusa.org/resources.
- Osage Mission Neosho County Museum

Artifacts:

- #0006 – 14" x 12" (framed). Lettered copy of "Morning Manna," a prayer written by Fr. Charles Nerinckx for the Sisters of Loretto to say each morning. This copy was created by Sr. Eugene Worland, SL (1875-1950), while she was a pupil at St. Ann's Academy (St. Paul, KS).
- #0316 – 13" x 8.75". Display of gold and silver medals from various Loretto academies in the United States. One medal is a Superior Literary Merit award to Annie O'Bryan at St. Ann's Academy (St. Paul, KS) in 1892.
- #0335 – 50" x 10.5". Linen cut work lace piece, made by Mary Teresa O'Sullivan (Cramer) (1858-1938) at Osage Mission under the guidance of Mo. Bridget Hayden, SL.
- #0337 – 4" x 2". Brass reliquary crucifix on a brown cord. It belonged to Mo. Bridget Hayden, SL.
- #0338 – 11" x 13". Needlepoint tapestry of the Holy Face, done in browns, cream, and blue with a red background. It was found in 1923 beneath a picture of Fr. Schoenmakers, SJ, in an old house of the Sisters of Loretto in St. Paul, KS. The tapestry was probably made by Mo. Bridget Hayden (1814-1890).

- #0339 – 12.5” x 16.5”. Picture of Father John Schoenmakers, SJ (1807-1883). Full standing portrait of Fr. Schoenmakers in a graveyard, next to his own gravestone. Labeled with his name (given as “Schoenmachers”), birth and death dates, and date of establishing the Osage Mission.
- #0340 – 93” x 24” x 41”. Handcrafted armed oak rocking chair, curved seat, vertical back slat. This chair was bought by Mo. Bridget Hayden, SL, for Fr. John Schoemakers, SJ, in his advanced years when he served as chaplain at St. Ann’s Academy (St. Paul, KS).
- #0342 – 14.25” x 6”. Crucifix, wood cross with metal corpus. The corpus was saved from the 1895 fire at St. Ann’s Academy (St. Paul, KS).
- #0344 – 16.5” x 19”. Sampler, tan background with black, gold, green, blue, and red script, five sets of the alphabet, separated with lines of decorative motifs. Signed at bottom “Victoria Whitehair Osage Mission / 1859.” According to the 1857 Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, M.C. Victoria Whitehair (transcribed as “H.C.” in the printed report) entered the school in 1852, and she was 10 years old in August 1857. She may be the “Mary Victory Cecile White Hair” born to Chief George White Hair and baptized by Father J.J. Bax, SJ, at 14 days old on January 2, 1848.
- #0345 – 2.75” x 4 5/8”. Memorial card for the “Translation of the Remains of Seventeen Sisters of Loretto who lived and labored in Old Osage Mission to Parish Cemetery, St. Paul, Kansas, September 15th, 1930.” A relic of the burial habit of Mo. Bridget Hayden, SL, is attached by a paperclip.
- #0346 – 48” long. Habit rosary with wooden beads. Belonged to Mo. Bridget Hayden, SL.
- 2021.029.008 – 3.5” x 5.25”. *Catholic Melodies*, abridged for the use of schools, a music book or hymnal published by John Murphy, Baltimore, 1845. Marked for Osage Mission and Loretto Choir, Loretto, KY.
- 2023.000.009 – Set of papers, including details about the academy and copies of holy cards, found in bottles in the walls of St. Ann’s Academy and Convent (St. Paul, KS) as the buildings were salvaged in 1900. These materials were placed in the walls in the summer of 1880 to bless or protect the building.

Processed by: Reba Weatherford, 2023

Historical Note:

For twenty-three years (1847-1870), the Sisters of Loretto conducted the Indian Girls department of the Osage Manual Labor School in Osage Mission, Kansas (now St Paul, Kansas). Father John Schoenmakers, S.J. founded the school with federal government support. Students were primarily from the Osage Nation, whose prior relationship with the Jesuits led them to prefer the Jesuits to other American educators for their children. Also called the Osage Mission Industrial School, both the Indian Girls and the Indian Boys departments closed with the departure of the Osage Nation to Oklahoma. The Treaty of 1865 concerning that departure formalized the gift from the Osage Nation to Father Schoenmakers of 640 acres of land for the continued mission project. He gave 100 acres of that gift to the Sisters of Loretto, who conducted St. Ann’s Academy for girls there until a fire destroyed it in 1895. Some federal money intermittently supported as many as three Indian Girls boarding at St. Ann’s as late as 1891, but most students were white by then. The Sisters of Loretto no longer own that land; its current occupant is the Osage Mission Neosho County Museum. The boy’s department on the original Osage Mission site (also part of the gift from the Osage Nation) became St Francis Institute, which closed in 1891. In 1915, the Sisters returned to St. Paul to teach at the parish school, St. Francis School, and remained there until 1922 when the Sisters of St. Joseph were asked to take over.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one box of materials including correspondence, news clippings, ledger books, event programs, memoir-style accounts, and compiled research.

Statement of Arrangement: This collection was originally processed in the 1970s or 1980s and materials were regularly added to the collection. Original order was not maintained. In 2023, the materials were reprocessed and, except in a few notable cases, the order of the original processing was maintained. Property records from Loretto's Finance Office were also added to this collection. A crosswalk showing the relationship between the original folders and the new folders was created and is available upon request.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Materials which provide blood quantum of Osage students or connect names of Osage students with their likeness (i.e. labeled photographs) are restricted indefinitely for research. Permission to view these materials (including photographs) must be granted by the Osage Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Materials should be requested from the Loretto Heritage Center, and Heritage Center staff will seek approval from the Osage Nation THPO.

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Subjects:

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Church schools – History

Osage Indians – Missions

Names:

Hayden, Bridget, 1814-1890

Praxedes, Mother

Owens, Lilliana, sister

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of Loretto

Places:

Osage Mission (Kan.)

St. Paul (Kan.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Research Materials • postcard showing labeled building of St. Francis Institute for Boys from Osage Mission Historical Society • postcard with sketch of Mo. Bridget Hayden, SL, Log Mission Church, St. Francis Church, Chief Fred Lookout, and Fr. John Schoenmakers, SJ • booklet "The Jesuits in Territorial Kansas, 1827-1861," by Augustin C. Wand, SJ, c. 1962 • booklet "Mother Bridget Hayden, SL Guiding Light of the Osage Indians" by Sr. Lilliana Owens, SL, c. 1941 • transcript of letter to E.B. Park from Paul M. Ponziglione, SJ written July 21, 1895 about his time at Osage Mission • pamphlet "A Heritage too Proud to Forget" from Osage Mission Historical Society • "Partial Statistics of St. Ann's, Osage Mission, Kansas," n.d., writer unknown • transcript of letter from William Michel to Sister M. Catherine [Connor], SL, Apr. 2, 1891 • list of Sisters of Loretto who served in the Diocese of Wichita • list of Superiors at Osage Mission, Kansas, 1847-1895 • list of Lorettines who entered the Society of Loretto from St. Francis' Parish, St. Paul, KS up to Mar. 13, 1945 • list of Sisters who have entered the Society from Parish of St. Francis Church, St. Paul, Kansas, prepared c. 1932 • list Sisters of Loretto from St. Paul, KS from book by W.W. Graves.	1891-1962 undated
1	2	News Clippings • "To Beloved Ones of Osage Mission," paper unknown (1876) • "Many Graduates," paper unknown (May 27, 1920) • "An Unusual Ceremony at St. Paul, Kans.," Catholic Daily Tribune (Aug. 27, 1930) • "Father Ildephonse Honored," paper unknown (May 28, 1914) • "Early Kansas Had Many Good Catholic Indians," paper unknown (1950) • "School May Oust State," Kansas City Times (Nov. 22, 1953)	1872-2005 undated

		• "Kansas Historical Marker: Osage Catholic Mission," paper unknown (n.d.) • "St. Ann's Academy Reminisce," paper unknown (May 1922) • "Mother Bridget," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Conflagration: Saint Ann's Academy In Ruins," Neosho County Journal (Sept. 5, 1895) • "Excerpts from W.W. Graves' Writings," paper unknown (n.d.) • "History of Labette County," publication unknown (n.d.) • "2,000 Attend Mission Days," Parsons Sun County Line Issue (May 15, 1985) • "St. Paul Museum to Focus on Area, Mission, Indians," Parsons Sun (May 31, 1995) • "Unusual Burial Ceremony Held For 17 Sisters," The Parsons Sun (Sept. 15, 1930) • "Older Pupils Will Entertain Monday Night," and "Sixty-Nine Years Ago," St. Paul Journal (April 27, 1916) • "C.C. Brown, State School Inspector," St. Paul Journal (May 4, 1916) • "Antecedents of Osage Mission," The St. Paul Journal (Sept. 12, 1935) • "First Nuns to Cross Mississippi River Laid in New Resting Place," paper unknown (1930) • "Plan an Unusual Burial Ceremony," paper unknown (1930) • "Sisters of Loretto Leaving," St. Paul Journal (June 1, 1922) • "Visit to Cemetery Recalls Story of Nuns' Re-Burial," The Beacon (Spring 1999) • "Celebrating Our Heritage," The Catholic Advance Special Sesquicentennial Section (May 9, 1997) • "Passionist Pays Tribute To Pioneer Kansas Lorettines," The Catholic Register (Sept. 18, 1930) • "Rebury Kansas Pioneer Sisters" and "Passionist Pays Tribute to Pioneer Kansas Lorettines," The Catholic Register (Sept. 18, 1930) • "The Mission, a Dream Come True," The Chanute Tribune (n.d.) • "75 Years Ago," The Chanute Tribune (Sept. 12, 2005) • "Ground Breaking Held for Osage Mission-Neosho County Museum," The Erie Record (June 1, 1995) • "Museum Groundbreaking Saturday A.M. at St. Paul," The Erie Record (May 25, 1995) • "Golden Jubilee of Father Paul M. Ponziglione, S. J.," The Journal (Feb. 14, 1889) • "A Capsule Course in 400 Years of Kansas History (map)," The Kansas City Star (May 25, 1941) • "Sisters of Loretto Coming Back: St. Ann's Academy is to Be Rebuilt Without Delay, and the School Reopened in 1915," The St. Paul Journal (June 25, 1914)	

		• "Sisters of Loretto Are Here," The St. Paul Journal (Aug. 26, 1915); • "An Invitational Banner Is Presented to Osage People," The St. Paul Journal (April 10, 1947) • "The Old And the New" and "The Pioneer Passionist Sisters of St. Joseph," and "Catholic Mission, Osage Nation, 1850," The St. Paul Journal (May 1, 1947) • "95th Anniversary: The Oldest School in Kansas," The St. Paul Journal (May 7, 1942) • "Historical Marker Installed," The St. Paul Journal (May 21, 1942) • "An Imposing Ceremony" and "Mother Bridget," The St. Paul Journal (Sept. 18, 1930); • "Marking Historic Spots," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Lofty Papal Citation Added to Honors for W. W. Graves," The Parsons Sun (May 31, 1952) • "History of Neosho County: A Reverie," The St. Paul Journal (Jan. 12, 1950) • "History of Neosho County: Women in Religious Life," The St. Paul Journal (Mar. 2, 1950).	
1	3	Dissertation of Sr. Mary de Salles Kelley "A Study of the Osage Mission Schools Based on United States Archival Material, 1847-1870." Written August 1955 and submitted to Catholic University of America School of Arts and Science for Master of Arts.	1955
1	4	Memoirs and Eye-witness Accounts • letter to Sr. Mary Antonella from Margaret Sarazine c. 1940 regarding her time at. St. Ann's Academy • "Autobiography of Mrs. Matthew Munding written before her death, Aug. 17, 1932 at Muskogee Oklahoma" • "Osage Mission Anecdotes," writer unknown • "Her Rosary - A True Story," writer unknown, about St. Ann's Academy • "Osage Mission," writer unknown (and partial transcription) • "It Happened at Old St. Ann's," narrated to archivist by Sr. Mary Irene Aug. 4, 1941 (2 copies) • "A Favored Child - A True Story," written by Sr. Antonella Hardy, SL for Loretto Literary Magazine Dec. 1912 issue • "Some Recollections of Mother Bridget Hayden - The Osage," by Sr. Mary Edith Loughran • "Loretto Academy, Florissant, Missouri and Osage Mission, St. Ann's Academy, Kansas," writer unknown • "Some Incidents of Osage Mission, Kansas," writer unknown • "Historic Kansas Town," writer unknown • "The Incorrigible Pupil of St. Ann's Academy, Osage Mission, Kansas," written by Sr. M. Vincent White, SL in 1911 (includes transcription copy).	1911-1932 undated

1	5	Anniversaries and Recognitions Osage Mission Centennial celebration • "The Ruined Convent" poem by A. Buckley (father of Sr. Justine Buckley, SL) • Osage Mission Centennial event programs for Governor's Day, Indian and Pioneer Day, Religious Day, and "Katy" Day • book of news clippings from "Katy Day" centennial celebration • photocopy of "A Historical Sketch of the Lorettines in Southern Kansas," by Sr. Lilliana Owens, SL written for Centennial Celebration booklet, 1947 Pioneer Award • letter to Sr. Florence [Wolff], SL from Sr. Frances Ann O'Bryan, SL recounting Pioneer Day celebration • Pioneer Award Certificate presented to the Sisters of Loretto • letter to a Sister from Frances Casey (Osage Mission Historical Society President), Feb. 5, 1986 regarding the presentation of the 1986 Pioneer Award to W.W. Graves. Sesquicentennial Celebration • brochure advertising celebration • Eucharistic Celebration at St. Francis de Hieronymo Church (May 25, 1997) bulletin (2 copies) • program from Presentation of Dignitaries • Sesquicentennial Mass program • short article "Another Sesquicentennial" (source unknown) recounting Loretto's role in the Sesquicentennial celebration.	1947-1997
1	6	Property Maps and Information • copy of St. Ann's Academy property layout from Fire Insurance Map dated Aug. 1892 • copy of St. Francis Institution property layout from Fire Insurance Map dated Aug. 1892 • real estate flier (2 pages) for sale of St. Ann's Academy property c. 1962; Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Society newsletter vol. 8, no. 1 and vol. 9, no. 1 regarding updates to new museum building • correspondence between Loretto Archives and Henri Coeme, owner of St. Ann's Bed and Breakfast, regarding buildings from St. Ann's and St. Francis • brochure and bulletin from St. Ann's Bed and Breakfast.	1892-2008

1	7	Correspondence with W.W. Graves. This folder contains correspondence between Sr. Lilliana Owens, SL, Motherhouse Superiors, and W.W. Graves. Graves was an Osage Mission historian and author of *Annals of Osage Mission* (self-published, 1935). Sr. Lilliana corresponded with the author while researching her article "Mother Bridget Hayden Guiding Light of the Osage." The correspondence provided Sr. Lilliana with suggestions on where materials could be located as well as information about specific Osage Mission residents. • Graves to Owens, Nov. 3, 1930 • Graves to Owens, Nov. 6, 1930 • Graves to Owens, Apr. 14, 1931 • Graves to Owens, Aug. 13, 1931 • Graves to Owens, Oct. 14, 1931 • Graves to Owens, Jan. 20, 1985 re: his personal family history • Graves to Owens, Jan. 29, 1935 • Graves to Owens, Mar. 8, 1935 • Graves to Superior Gen., Mar. 31, 1939 re: historical marker at Osage Mission and response from Superior General.	1930-1939
1	8	Interment of Sisters, 1930 • invitation for memorial services • prayer card, memento of the memorial service, Translation of the Remains of Seventeen Sisters of Loretto (2 copies) • relic of Mo. Bridget Hayden • memorial service address of Rev. John M. Fox, CP (2 copies) • letter from Fr. Theodore to Sr. Agnestta [Reid], SL regarding the moving of Mo. Bridget Hayden's remains, Sep. 27, 1930.	1930
1	9	Osage Manual Labor School for Girls Research Materials • correspondence to Sisters from historian J.G. Sanders regarding Osage girls at Loretto Academy in Florissant, MO, Jun. 24, 1929 and response from Sisters suggesting Sanders search the St. Paul baptismal records and noting two Osage students who became Sisters: Srs. Coaina and Lorenza Mongrain, Jul. 10, 1929 • correspondence to Sr. Antonella [Hardy], SL from attorney A.T. Woodward regarding Osage students and response, Nov. 7, 1939	1847-1939 undated

		• list of Osage students as remembered by Sr. M. Edith Loughran, SL in 1929 • document titled "The Sisters of Loretto go to the Osage Indians," transcripts of correspondence and information obtained from secondary sources regarding the Manual Labor School • transcription of correspondence to Hon. W. Medill from J. Van de Velde, SJ regarding the opening of the Manual Labor schools, Jul. 27, 1847.	
1	9a	Property Records from Finance Office • Property deeds, 1879-1950 • Title abstracts, 1892 • Correspondence regarding property, 1899-1917 • Several undated news articles regarding property sales • Extensive tax records and receipts, 1893-1949	1879-1950 undated
1	10	St. Ann's Academy - Land Charter and Board Records • This folder contains a copy of the land charter for St. Ann's Academy as well as the records for the Board of St. Ann's Academy, Nov. 1876- Mar. 1896. These board records detail decisions made about the building of the convent at St. Ann's c. 1881 as well as the building of other buildings on the property, and decisions made about the school and pupils. This document also mentions the little-documented school the Sisters opened in Parsons, KS c. 1882 noting on Dec. 1, 1881 the president proposed to open the school in Parsons at the request of the pastor and the members of the church.	1876-1886
1	11	St. Ann's Academy Correspondence • copies of three letters to Rosa Trumbly from Sr. Theophila [Thompson], dated Jun. 7, 1894 - Jun. 25, 1894 regarding life at St. Ann's Academy • fourteen letters from Fr. John Schoenmakers, SJ to Sr. M. Coaina [Mongrain] and the Sisters at Osage Mission mostly regarding the Mongrain family's claim to land in Neosho Co., KS, dated Feb. 1871 - Dec. 1880 • correspondence to St. Ann's Academy student Katie Sullivan from friends and family, 1871- c.1890.	1871-1894
1	12	St. Ann's Academy Student Accounts, 1886-1895 • loose account receipt for St. Ann's Academy student Miss Annie O'Bryan, 1892 • index to school register, 1886-1895 • ledger book, "[Student] Accounts, 1886-1895."	1886-1895

1	13	St. Ann's Academy - Expenses, 1887, 1892-1896 • loose receipt from grocer dated Sep. 17, 1887 • ledger book "[Expense] Accounts, 1892-1896."	1887-1896
1	14	St. Ann's Academy - Prospectus, 1891-1892 • Catalogue of St. Ann's Academy, Osage Mission, Neosho Co., KS Twenty-first Annual Session, 1891-1892 (2 copies).	1891-1892
1	15	St. Ann's Academy - Commencement Ceremony and Event Programs • Commencement programs for 1885, 1886, 1887, 1890, and 1891 • event program for musical performance, 1880 • piano recital event program, 1887.	1880-1890
1	16	St. Ann's Academy - Student Reports and Awards • two excellence awards for Mary Buckley, 1891 • report card for Miss Annie O'Bryan, 1891 • copy of valedictory address delivered Jun. 24, 1885.	1891-1895
1	17	St. Francis School – Correspondence • letter to the Loretto Superior General from Sr. M. Colombiere [McFarland], SL written on the first week of teaching at St. Francis.	1915
1	18	St. Francis School - Commencement Programs • commencement program for 1917.	1917

ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE AND SCHOOL

ASSININS, MICHIGAN

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: St. Joseph's Orphanage and School

Dates: 1890-1926

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of a memoir, pictures and an article from the St. Louis Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Records Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Carondelet Consolidated Archives, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO

Related Material:

Publications:

-Adams, D.W. (1995). *Education for extinction: American Indians and the boarding school experience, 1875-1928*. University Press of Kansas.

-Lajimodiere, D.K. (2021). *Stringing rosaries: The history, the unforgivable, and the healing of northern plains American Indian boarding school survivors.* North Dakota State University Press.

-Savage, M.L. (1927). *The congregation of Saint Joseph of Carondelet of Saint Joseph of Carondelet.* B. Herder Book Co.

-1109b Archive Box 136 3 folders Sister Lucida Savage's History notes/draft

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister's oral histories. These are searchable by sister's name in the oral history file.

Processed by: Sally Budge, 2023

Historical Note: The school, built in 1860 Assinins, MI, was staffed by a diocesan priest until the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet arrived in 1866. In 1877 a boarding school for girls opened and in 1881 St. Joseph's Orphanage was built. Originally, the orphanage was only for boys, with the girls living at the orphanage in Marquette, MI. In 1902, St. Joseph's began to accept girls. In 1956, St. Joseph's merged with Holy Family Orphanage in Marquette. The children living at St. Joseph's were moved to Holy Family and the facility closed.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of less than one linear foot of documents and pictures concerning St. Joseph's Orphanage and School in Assinins, Michigan.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Restricted items may not be listed in this finding aid. This includes, but is not limited to, some correspondence (subject to restriction until 50 years after the death of the writer) and primary sources that identify minors by name or represent their likeness (subject to restriction for 100 years). This includes school, orphanage, and hospital records. Additionally, copies of primary sources from other organizations which we do not have permission to share, including those that identify minors, are also subject to restriction.

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Indexing Terms

Subjects:
Boarding schools -- United States.

Boarding schools -- Michigan.

Catholic Church -- Education – United States.

Catholic Church -- Education – United States – History.

Catholic schools -- United States.

Catholic schools -- United States – History.

Church schools.

Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Nuns – United States.

Organizations/Corporations:
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. St. Louis Province.

Places:
Assinins (Mich.)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
912.7a		S. Justine LeMay's memoirs—mention of 20-30 girls boarding with the sisters; description of new convent and dormitory	Circa 1890
MI-in-1		• Picture of Girl's Indian School, Baraga (Assinins), MI • Picture of Boy's Indian School, Baraga (Asisinins), MI • Letter of intent to give up the work in Assinins, MI • Report from the Diocese of Marquette, MI	Pre-1892; April 25, 1906; March 25, 2022
WI-ke-1.10	1	• Article in The Inter-Unit mentioning school	January, 1926

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CHILD

AVOCA, MINNESOTA

Title: Holy Child Academy (Avoca, MN; Society of the Holy Child Jesus)

St. Rose Convent School (Avoca, MN; Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province)

Dates: 1885 – 1890 (SHCH)

1890 – 1893 (CSJ)

(*Bulk Dates:)* *1884 - 1902*

Creator: Michelle Hueg, Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet St. Paul Province

Abstract:
The Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus opened the school (then called Holy Child Academy) in 1884 at the request of Archbishop Ireland. The school was to be an industrial school to teach the children of Irish Immigrants who had moved to the town, also as a result of work by the Archbishop. When there were not enough Immigrant children to fill the school, the Archbishop sent a request to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for Indian girls to be educated, this began the boarding school in Avoca, MN. The Sisters of St. Joseph took over the teaching at St. Rose School (Avoca, MN) in1890. In the early 1890s, the Government began to suspend the funding of Catholic boarding schools for Indigenous children. By 1893 the funding stopped for St. Rose Convent School and the Indian girls returned to their homes. The school continued to teach the children of the town. In 1902, St. Rose Convent closed due to low enrollment.

Quantity/Physical Description: This collection contains 13 (mostly photo copies) secondary resource documents

Geographic Location(s): Avoca, MN

Collection Location(s): Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates, St. Paul Province; Administration Center Archive Room, St. Paul, MN

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: *Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province*

Related Material:

Photos: One photo (2 copies) of the Sisters of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus with students – pre1890.

Archival Collections: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province (St. Paul, MN)

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: (example: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University):

- **Archives of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus** (https://www.shcj.org/) • **Marquette University:**
  - Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection Finding Aid: https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/BCIM/bcim-series2-1-index.pdf
  - Guide to Catholic Records about Native Americans in the United States (NOTE: much of the information about religious Community collections especially is out of date at this time): https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/NativeGuide/NativeGuidemain.php
- **List of Catholic-operated Native Boarding Schools in the United States, pre-1978**:
  - https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/list/ (online version)
  - https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/List-5.5.2023.pdf (PDF)
    - Index of Dioceses noted in the list: https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/Index-to-Dioceses_5.5.2023.pdf
  - Index of Religious Communities noted in the list: https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/Index-to-Religious-Orders-5.1.2023.pdf

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings/Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): None

Processed by: Michelle Hueg, Archivist

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one file folder (10" x 12") containing eight documents.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers with permission from a member of the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States -- History

Catholic schools -- United States

Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Native American Board Schools

Organizations/Corporations:

Places:

- Avoca (Minn.)
- St. Paul (Minn.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	File card with information about Sisters who taught at St. Rose's Convent	Undated
1	1	Photo copy of brief history of St. Rose's Convent/St. Bernard Hall	Undated
1	1	Brief history of St. Rose's Convent/St. Bernard Hall – includes list of Sisters/Superiors assigned to the schools between 1890 and 1910.	Undated
1	1	Photo copy of a photo taken of students and Sisters of the Holy Childhood Jesus.	Pre-1890
1	1	Photocopy of a booklet celebrating the 75th anniversary of St. Rose Parish (Avoca, MN)	1953
1	1	Photocopy of a booklet celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Rose Parish (Avoca, MN)	1978
1	1	Photocopy of a newspaper article about the history of St. Rose Parish; published just before the last Mass was held. (Publisher unknown.)	1978
1	1	Photocopy (x2) of a newspaper article written about the history of the Academy of Holy Childhood/St. Rose's Convent/St. Bernard Hall. (Daily Globe, Worthington, MN)	August 10, 1989
1	1	File card with brief information about St. Bernard Hall (opened in 1905); Avoca, MN	Undated
1	1	Handwritten note answering a question about the fire that closed St. Bernard Hall in 1910.	November 26, 19__?
1	1	Photocopy of a photo taken in 1910 of the fire that closed St. Bernard Hall.	Copy undated.
1	1	Photo copy of seven photos taken in Avoca and/or at St. Bernard Hall: the school; students at the school; 4 photos of farms in the area; a photo of the fire.	Copy undated.

ST. PAUL'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CLONTARF, MINNESOTA

Title: Clontarf Industrial School Papers, from the Papers of Msgr. Anatole Oster

Dates: 1874-1915
Bulk Dates: 1884-1894

Creator: Oster, Anatole / Diocese of Saint Paul / Archdiocese of Saint Paul

Abstract: A collection of administrative records and ephemera of the Clontarf Industrial School in Clontarf, Minnesota as well as its predecessor, the Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota in Saint Paul, Minnesota (both also known as St. Paul's Industrial School).

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Clontarf, Swift County, Minnesota

Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

ID: Accession # 2001.29

Language(s): English, French

Preferred Citation: Clontarf Industrial School Papers, Archives of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Related Material:

Publications:

- Reardon, James M. *The Catholic Church in the Diocese of St. Paul: from earliest origin to centennial achievement.* North Central Publishing Company, 1952.
- Shannon, James P. "Catholic Boarding Schools on the Western Frontier." *Minnesota History*, Sep. 1956, pp. 133-139.

Archival Collections:

- Personal Papers of Msgr. Anatole Oster
- Bishop Thomas Langdon Grace Papers
- Old Chancery Correspondence, 1887-1900

Related Collections *not* in the Archives of the Archdiocese:

- Archives of the Parish of St. Malachy, Clontarf, MN (Diocese of New Ulm).
- Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Milwaukee, WI.

Processed by: Preliminary processing by Steve Granger, Archivist, ca. 2001. Re-processed and finding aid produced by Allison Spies, Archives Program Manager, 2024. Last updated May 24, 2024.

Historical Note:

In 1874, Bishop Thomas L. Grace of the Diocese of Saint Paul, prompted by the Catholic Union of Minnesota, sought to establish an industrial school that would provide a home and religious and vocational instruction for "destitute, wayward, or incorrigible children,"[1] serving primarily white immigrant and orphan boys in the state. Incorporated under the name the Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota, the school was also referred to as St. Paul's Industrial School, as it was originally located in the city of Saint Paul. The program was slow to start. Its first listing in the *Sadliers' Catholic Directory* appears in the 1877 edition, and a report from 1878 indicates there were only nine students in residence at that time.

Due to the high cost of property in Saint Paul, the Board of Managers of the school decided to move the school to a new location. In 1879, Bishop John Ireland purchased farm land about 150 miles west of Saint Paul in Clontarf, Minnesota. Even in its new location, the program continued to struggle financially and with low enrollment, so in 1884, the administrators obtained a federal contract to take in fifty Native American boys, primarily from Dakota and Ojibwe reservations in Dakota Territory. Permitted enrollment under contract varied over the years between 30 and 125 children, averaging around 100 per year, with student ages ranging between six and twenty-three. During the contract years, the industrial school continued to enroll non-Native students as well, often boys of Irish and English descent from the Catholic Orphan Asylum in Minneapolis.

[1] Articles of Incorporation of the Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota, 1874.

The Clontarf Industrial School received government subsidies for Native students until 1894. One of the two main school buildings burned down on Thanksgiving day 1892, and there are notes indicating that some records were lost in that fire. The school remained open until approximately 1895. The U.S. government purchased the property in 1897, around the time when contractual subsidies of religious-operated Native boarding schools came to an end throughout the country, and remaining students were transferred to the government-operated Morris Industrial School in Morris, Minnesota.

The St. Paul's Industrial School, both when it was in Saint Paul and later at Clontarf, was operated by a small number of Franciscan Brothers who came from Brooklyn, New York at the invitation of the Bishop of Saint Paul. When the brothers arrived, they did so under the obedience of the bishop and elected a superior, thus establishing a new congregation (independent of the brothers in Brooklyn). In 1895, the brothers left Minnesota, and eventually became part of the Third Order Regular Franciscans. Administrative matters for the school at Clontarf were overseen by a priest of the diocese, Rev. Anatole Oster, assigned as pastor of the nearby parish of St. Malachy from 1878 to 1897, who during that time served as the school's superintendent. Another diocesan priest, Rev. Martin Egan, served as principal 1894-1897.

The Diocese of Saint Paul was elevated to an Archdiocese in 1888. In 1957, the Diocese of New Ulm was established, whose boundaries now encompass the geographical location of the school at Clontarf. The records of the school described here, which are held in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, were among the papers of Msgr. Anatole Oster, who was appointed Vicar General for the Archdiocese in 1902.

For contextual information on the United States Indian Boarding School program, see the resources available through the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (boardingshoolhealing.org) and the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative (https://www.bia.gov/service/federal-indian-boarding-school-initiative).

Scope and Content: The Clontarf Industrial School papers consist of 49 folders (1.5 linear feet) of administrative records in five series: (1) Student Records and Reports, (2) Contracts and Agreements, (3) Corporate, Financial, and Property Records, (4) Correspondence, and (5) Ephemera and Miscellaneous. The latter series includes newspaper clippings, a photograph photocopy, programs from two school events, a catalog of books in the school library, and records outside of the other series. The bulk of the materials relate to finances and property matters, particularly an effort to distribute the Saint Paul real estate to shareholders. Many of the financial records document the transport of students to or from the school, as related expenses were carefully tracked for government reimbursement. Detailed reports including lists of students by name and correspondence related to requests for individual students to return home, some of which notably are from their family members, are also represented, as well as correspondence on placement of non-Native students at the school. Some letters are in French. Most documents date from the period of federal contract support (1884-1894).

Statement of Arrangement: The folders in this collection have been grouped into general topical series for ease of use and to facilitate location of information on students. Each folder adheres to the original order, with the exception of two folders on shareholder matters, from which all quit claim deeds, receipts, and related correspondence were grouped into folder 26. Three "Financial Miscellaneous" folders were also grouped into more descriptive categories (e.g. general school expenses, student transport receipts) and arranged by year.

Restrictions on Use and Access: As of April 28, 2022, access to this collection is restricted to representatives of the Tribal Nations identified in the materials and descendants of students. Requests for broader access can be submitted in writing to the Archives Program Manager of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, for review in consultation with the Tribal Nations.

Harmful Content Statement: The indexing terms below consist of Library of Congress Authorized Subject Headings, a controlled vocabulary utilized to facilitate searching across collection descriptions. Although useful as a prevailing standard, these terms may not reflect preferred terminology nor adequately describe the content of this collection. Furthermore, the following inventory incorporates terms from the collection in a way that may reflect the prejudices of its creators.

The Archives of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis acknowledges that archival description is not neutral, and it is committed to incorporating participatory and reparative description where possible. Accordingly, this finding aid remains a work in progress, and any concerns may be addressed to archives staff at records@archspm.org.

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Church schools -- History.

Dakota Indians -- History.

Indians of North America -- Vocational education.

Indigenous education.

Off-reservation boarding schools -- Minnesota.

Ojibwa Indians -- History.

Organizations/Corporations:

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.).

Catholic Church. Archdiocese of St. Paul (Minn.).

Catholic Church. Diocese of St. Paul (Minn.).

Third Order Regular of St. Francis -- United States -- History.

United States. Office of Indian Affairs.

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Devil's Lake Agency.

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Sisseton Agency.

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Standing Rock Agency.

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. White Earth Agency.

Places:

Clontarf (Minn.).

Saint Paul (Minn.).

Turtle Mountains (N.D. and Man.).

Pembina Hills (Man. and N.D.).

Tribal Nations:

Pembina Band of Chippewa Indians *[Historical].*

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota.

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota.

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota.

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota.

White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians.

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: Student Records and Reports			
1	1	**Register of Boys**: 1 volume: 100 pp. • Lists of individual students 21 Aug 1884-1 Apr 1891, including name, age, nationality, date of arrival, names of parents, place of origin, trade, religion, date of departure or death, remarks. • Summary statistics of numbers of students 1886-1890 • Undated list of students requested to be sent home • Additional arrivals 1891-1893	1884-1893, undated
1	2	**Descriptive Statements of Children**: 44 documents Lists of children taken to St. Paul's Industrial School at Clontarf from various agencies or locations in Minnesota (Mendota, Red Lake Falls, White Earth) and Dakota Territory (Devil's Lake, Pembina Mountains/Olga, Sisseton, Standing Rock, Turtle Mountain/St John's), prepared by the U.S. Indian Agents, beginning Aug 1884 to Sep 1892. Details given include name, "blood," nation, band, father's name, whether parents are living or deceased, sex, age, height, weight, and lung capacity (forced inspiration and expiration).	1884-1892
1	3	**Arrival and Departure records**: 22 documents • Lists of individual students by arrival and departure along with related documents, including notes of expired terms, escapes, boys whose parents have requested their return home, and deaths, 1884-1890. • Official quarterly Statements of Arrival and Departure, 1890-1891 detailing name, tribe, age, date of entry, date of departure, and number of days in attendance for that quarter.	1884-1891
1	4	**Examinations and Assessments**: 3 documents, one undated • Result of medical examination of nine students, May 1885 • Two lists of students by name with assessment of reading, writing, arithmetic, whether the student advanced during the quarter, and days in attendance. Some notations of death or departure. Possible drafts for quarterly reports.	1885, 1889, undated
1	5	**Quarterly Reports**: 23 documents (1 monthly report) • Monthly report to Office of Indian Affairs, for Jan 1886 Lists school employees, tribes of students, descriptions of school curricula and schedules, statistics on new students and those who died, ran away, or were withdrawn.	1886-1891

		• Quarterly Reports submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for quarters ending Mar 1886-Jun 1891. Data includes information on employees, supplies used, statistics on pupils added, withdrawn, run away, or deceased, and Statement of Attendance for individual pupils: name, tribe, age, sex, boarding or day, reads, writes, works in arithmetic, whether advanced to higher grade during quarter, and number of days in attendance.	
1	6	**Statements of Attendance of Pupils**: 11 documents Quarterly reports list student name, tribe, age, date of entry, date of departure, and number of days in attendance for that quarter.	1888-1891
Series II: Contracts and Agreements			
1	7	**Articles of Agreement**: 15 documents • Terms of contract between Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for the industrial school at Clontarf, Sep 1884-Jul 1893 • Includes handwritten summary ("Synopsis of Contract") for terms of contract beginning 1 Apr 1886 See also Correspondence – Terms of Contract below.	1884-1893
1	8	**Instructions for Management of Indian Schools**: 5 documents • Instructions for Quarterly Reports of School Attendance, issued by Office of Indian Affairs, Feb 1886 • Instructions relative to Indian school accounts, issued by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Feb 1889 • Instructions on preservation of Indian family names, issued by the Office of Indian Affairs, Mar 1890 • Rules in regard to attendance of Indian youth at school, issued by Office of Indian Affairs, Oct 1891 • Announcement of Summer institutes and conferences on Indian education, from Office of Superintendent of Indian Schools, May 1894	1886-1894
Series III: Corporate, Financial, and Property Records			
Corporate Records			
1	9	**Board of Managers**: 1 volume, 160 pp. Minutes of meetings and actions of the Board of Managers of the Catholic Industrial School, Apr 1874-Oct 1886, including: • Articles of Incorporation • Bylaws • Records of property acquisition and sale • Real estate share distribution scheme • Treasurer's reports	1874-1886

1	10	**Organizing Documents (Saint Paul and Clontarf)**: 92 documents Including: • Members of the Board of Managers, 1874-1887 • Resolutions of the Board of Managers, 1879-1890 • Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota (Saint Paul) Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, 1874 • Clontarf Industrial School Articles of Incorporation, 1894 • Resignation of Franciscan Brothers from Board of Managers, 1895, 1897 • Letter from Supervisor William M. Moss to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, describing the property and advising against purchase of the plant by the Government for an Indian school, 19 Aug 1896 • Sale of Clontarf Industrial School property to the United States of America, 1897 • Summary tables of receipts and expenditures, 1884-1893 • Distribution of lots or pieces (table) • Promissory Notes with list, labeled "Useless Notes," 1875-1877 • Additional documents related to Catholic Industrial School property	1874-1897
Financial Records - Students			
1	11	**Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Vouchers**: 27 documents • Vouchers certifying to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions the amount due to the school in accordance with the per capita contract, Sep 1884, Mar 1886-Jun 1891 • Voucher for expenses for sending students home, Oct 1893	1884-1893
1	12	**Receipts for Transport of Boys** Receipts for travel (railroad & stage fare, horses), board, and lodging for transport of students to or from school at Clontarf. Some undated.	1884-1889, undated
1	13	**Triplicate Form Receipts** Receipts for travel, board, and lodging for transport of students to or from school at Clontarf. According to 1886 note, two copies were remitted to Bishop Ireland, and one preserved for reference. 1886 enclosure is empty.	1886-1891
Financial Records - Institution			
1	14	**Accounts Ledger**: 1 volume School expenditures by person Nov 1884-Jan 1885; includes alphabetical index by name. Payees generally are staff and those who provided services to the school e.g. teachers, gardeners, builders, carpenters, painters, launderers.	1884-1885
1	15	**Accounts Journal, May 1884-Jan 1886**: 1 volume Summary of debits and credits, by date.	1884-1886
1	16	**Accounts Journal, Nov 1887-Feb 1888**: 1 volume Summary of debits and credits, by date, for Church of St. Malachy and Clontarf Industrial School.	1887-1888

1	17	**Accounts Daybook, volume 1**: 36 pages • Daily expenses and receipts for Church of St. Malachy, Clontarf, Minn. From 5 Nov 1886-16 Jul 1888 • Inventory of personal and church goods • Expenditures for 4th of July 1890	1886-1890
1	18	**Accounts Daybook, volume 2**: 180 pages • Daily expenses and receipts, 8 Jun 1887-10 Apr 1889	1887-1889
1	19	**Accounts Daybook, volume 3**: 37 pages • Daily expenses and receipts, 11 Apr 1889-8 Dec 1889 • Program & List of officers for 4th of July celebrations 1890	1889-1890
1	20	**Banking, Accounts Reconciliation, Accounting Notes**: 29 documents	1880-1894
1	21	**Receipts for General School Expenses, 1879-1881** These include building construction & maintenance, furnishings, food, books, clothing, farm implements, labor, and other supplies.	1879-1881
1	22	**Receipts for General School Expenses, 1883-1884**	1883-1884
1	23	**Receipts for General School Expenses, 1885**	1885
1	24	**Receipts for General School Expenses, 1886-1890, 1894** Also includes some receipts with no date.	1886-1894, undated
Property Records			
1	25	**Property, Deeds and Shareholder Matters**: 22 documents, Including: • Note regarding original school site, later part of College of St. Thomas campus • Grade of Indemnity RR Lands and Report of Breaking Permits (**Graceville**), ending 16 Nov 1883 • Purchasers of Indemnity Lands – **Graceville** • Letter from real estate broker R.R. Johnson to John P. O'Connor regarding sale of land by Archbishop Ireland in 1899, letter dated 10 Jan 1915 • Additional property and accounts documents for Catholic Industrial School, 1889 • Undated legal property description • Executors' Deed from estate of Cornelius Kenevan to **The House of the Good Shepherd of Saint Paul**, 1881 • Warranty Deed from The Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota to The St. John's Mutual Benevolent Society of Minnesota, 1886 • Blueprint of Saint Paul lots bounded by Cleveland and Fairview, Summit and Lincoln Avenues, undated • Abstract of Title to Rosedale Park, Saint Paul, (Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota), [1854]-1890 • Catholic Industrial School Real Estate Distribution and shareholder list, 1875	1875-1915, undated

		• Indenture between The Polish Roman Catholic St. Stanislaus Kostka Society of Winona, Minnesota and The Catholic Industrial School of Minnesota, 1893 • Correspondence from Judge A.J. Flynn to Archbishop John Ireland regarding petitions of Catholic Industrial School shareholders, 1888	
1	26	**Quit Claim Deeds, Shareholder Receipts, etc.**: 51 documents	1875-1896
1	27	**Release of Shareholder Claims**: 2 volumes	1881-1894
1	28	**Property – Unsettled for 1887**: 1 volume	1887
Series IV: Correspondence See Scope and Content note for general overview of correspondence files.			
2	1	**Correspondence – Terms of Contract**: 27 documents Correspondence with Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Department of the Interior Office of Indian Affairs, and one letter from the U.S. Indian Service Agent at Devil's Lake, discussing terms of contract. Also includes replies regarding requests for individual students to be returned home.	1885-1894
2	2	**Correspondence – Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions**, 1884-1894: 45 documents Administrative correspondence providing instruction related to contracts, reports, and vouchers for expenses, including requests for return of children to their homes and collection of children from various locations, and even vacation schedules, under the terms of the contracts.	1884-1894
2	3	**Correspondence – U.S. Department of Interior Office of Indian Affairs**, 1885-1894: 43 documents Similar in nature to the correspondence with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. Letters regarding permission to return certain students home or collect additional students from various locations, approvals or denials of expenses, and instructions for reports. Also some discussion of curriculum, particularly as it relates to patriotism.	1885-1894
2	4	**Correspondence – U.S. Indian Service**, 1884-1894: 14 documents Letters from various agencies (Devil's Lake, Sisseton, Standing Rock, Turtle Mountain) relating to the transport of children to or from the school and associated permissions and expenses.	1884-1894
2	5	**Correspondence – Pre-1884**: 5 documents	1874-1881
2	6	**Correspondence – 1884**: 7 documents	1884
2	7	**Correspondence – 1885**: 11 documents	1885
2	8	**Correspondence – 1886**: 21 documents	1886
2	9	**Correspondence – 1887**: 44 documents	1887
2	10	**Correspondence – 1888**: 45 documents	1888
2	11	**Correspondence – 1889**: 16 documents	1889

2	12	**Correspondence – 1890**: 66 documents	1890
2	13	**Correspondence – 1891**: 6 documents	1891
2	14	**Correspondence – 1892**: 18 documents	1892
2	15	**Correspondence – 1893**: 24 documents	1893
2	16	**Correspondence – 1894**: 5 documents	1894
2	17	**Correspondence – Outgoing**: 1 volume, 113 pp. plus alphabetical index. Letter press copy book of letters written by Anatole Oster, many unrelated to the industrial school. Some in French. Bulk dates Aug 1891-Dec 1894.	1891-1901
Series V: Ephemera and Miscellaneous			
2	18	**Photo and Clippings**: 5 items • Photocopy of photograph of two school buildings with small groups of students in front and on balconies; gardens in foreground. Undated. • "The Catholic Industrial School at Clontarf, Swif County, Minn.," Northwestern Chronicle (Saint Paul, MN), 24 Sep 1885 • Note of A. Gerardin trip to Clontarf to retrieve his nephew, Pioneer Express (Pembina, ND), 20 Jul 1888 • "A Trip to the Contarf, Minn. School," Pioneer Express (Pembina, ND), 27 Jul 1888 by A. Gerardin, Editor • "The Clontarf School," Pioneer Express (Pembina, ND), 10 Aug 1888 by A. Oster, Superintendent. Response to Gerardin article above.	1885-1888, undated
2	19	**School Programs**: 2 documents • Washington's Birthday Entertainment, 1890, 1891	1890-1891
2	20	**Miscellaneous**: 5 documents • Calculation of average age of pupils, and list of buildings on school grounds, undated. • Minnesota Board of Corrections and Charities report template (May 1890) and notes for responses to similar report, 1889. Description of improvements to buildings, estimated value, how the school is supported, total number of persons cared for, average of same, number of inmates as of Nov 30 1888, what classes of persons cared for by the institution, what the institution aims to do for them. • Notes describing arrangements for burning and threshing of wheat and other crops, undated. • Walsh County, SD District Court affidavit of Indian descent and receipt of land, Jan 1890	1889-1890, undated
2	21	**Clontarf School Library - Catalog of Books**: 1 volume	1895

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CONVENT SCHOOL

GRACEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Title: Convent of Our Lady of the Lake, Graceville, MN

Dates: 1886 - 1895

(Bulk Dates): 1885 - 1902

Creator: Michelle Hueg, Archivist

Abstract: Our Lady of the Lake Convent School was opened in 1885 as a boarding and day school for children in the West Central part of Minnesota. In February of 1886, Archbishop Ireland sent a letter to the Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (BCIM) requesting Indian girls from the Sisseton (SD) are to board and be educated at the school. BCIM entered into a contract with the

Federal Government for this purpose. The original school was located on a hill at the North side of Lake Toqua. Within a couple of years, the school had already outgrown the original building and an addition was built to accommodate all the scholars. In 1896, the US Government withdrew its contract from Catholic schools and the girls returned home and did not return to the school.

Our Lady of the Lake Convent School continued to educate the children of the town of Graceville and the Parish of Holy Rosary. On October 8, 1898, the Sisters were awakened by a fire, which started in the bakery of the Convent. Though the fire spread quickly, the Sisters and all the students were able to get out of the building safely. The Sisters were able to rent housing for themselves in town. The classes continued in the old church building until a new building was able to be built. In early 1900, a new school building was built and St. Mary's Academy was opened.

Quantity/Physical Description: Collection consists of two file folders containing secondary sources (14 documents) consisting of: photostat copies of contracts and histories of the school written by Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province.

Geographic Location(s): Graceville, MN

Collection Location(s): Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates, St. Paul Province; Administration Center Archives Room**,** St. Paul, MN

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province

Related Material:

- **Marquette University:**
  - Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection Finding Aid: https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/BCIM/bcim-series2-1-index.pdf
  - Guide to Catholic Records about Native Americans in the United States (NOTE: much of the information about religious Community collections especially is out of date at this time): https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/NativeGuide/NativeGuidemain.php
- **List of Catholic-operated Native Boarding Schools in the United States, pre-1978**:
  - https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/list/ (online version)
  - https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/List-5.5.2023.pdf (PDF)
  - Index of Dioceses noted in the list: https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/Index-to-Dioceses_5.5.2023.pdf

Index of Religious Communities noted in the list:
https://ctah.archivistsacwr.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/Index-to-Religious-Orders-5.1.2023.pdf

Publications:

- *On Good Ground* by Sister Helen Angela Hurley – history of the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Paul written for the Centennial year.
- *Acta ed Dicta*

Photos: One photo ca. 1892 (two copies – and one photo copy) which was provided by a former student whose family lived in Graceville. The photo is of the immigrant children (both boys and girls) at the school and does not appear to include any Indigenous students.

Archival Collections: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province (St. Paul, MN)

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University; microfilm reels containing communication (letters/reports) between the Superior at the convent and the Bureau director.

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): Photostat copies of contracts signed by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions: 1886, 1887, 1890; photostat copy of contract signed by Mother Cecilia Delaney: 1894

Processed by: Michelle M. Hueg, Archivist

Scope and Content: This collection consists of two file folders – one 10" x 12' and one 10" x 15".

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers with permission from a member of the current Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States
Catholic Church -- Education – United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States -- History

Catholic schools -- United States

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Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Our Lady of the Lake Convent
Lake Traverse Reservation – Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Places:

St. Paul (Minn.)
Gracevillea (Minn.)
Sisseton (S.D.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	File card with list of first Sisters to open the convent and start the school; back side lists Superiors at Our Lady of the Lake Convent as well as at St. Mary's Academy (opened in 1899 with new name)	
1	1	Photocopy of Closing Exercises of the School [Year]	June 25, 1895
1	1	Annals of the Sisters of St. Joseph – Our Lady of the Lake Convent (1885 – 1898) and St. Mary's Academy (1900 – 1921)	1921
1	1	Copy of photo of school children (w/names on separate sheet; does not appear to include the Native American girls) and a letter from a former student (non-Native American).	1954
1	1	Copy of the "Legend of Lake Toqua" – the convent was on the shore of the lake.	Undated
1	1	Copy of history of St. Mary's Academy written by S. Miriam Shea	October 2000
2	2	Photostat copy of a letter from Archbishop John Ireland to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (2 pages)	May 10, 1885
2	2	Photostat copy of a letter from the Secretary at the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs – includes request for Indian Girls for Our Lady of the Lake Convent (Graceville, MN)	May 18, 1885
2	2	Photostat copy of contract between the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions approving 10 - 25 Indian Girls (Sioux and Chippewa [tribe/reservation not indicated]) to be educated at Graceville, MN from February 1 to June 30, 1886 (4 pages).	February 1, 1886
2	2	Photostat copy of contract between the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions approving 25 - 32 Indian Girls (Sioux and Chippewa [tribe/reservation not indicated]) to be educated at Graceville, MN from July 1, 1887 to June 30, 1888 (4 pages).	July 1, 1887
2	2	Copy of a report from Sister M. Cecilia about the space for the school at Our Lady of the Lake Convent; the Sisters teaching/working at the Convent; number of (requested) students; trades taught. (1 page)	March 1, 1890
2	2	Copy of letter to Reverend Joseph Stephan (Director of the Catholic Bureau of Indian Missions) from Sister Cecilia covering detailed information about the school property; the Sisters who teach/work at the school; requesting an increase in the number of Indian girls at the school. (7 pages)	May 24, 1890

2	2	Photostat copy of contract between the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions approving 50 - 63 Indian Girls (Sioux and Chippewa from Sisseton, Standing Rock, White Earth, Shakopee, and Mendota) to be educated at Graceville, MN from February 1 to June 30, 1886 (4 pages).	August 20, 1890
2	2	Photostat copy of contract between the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Our Lady of the Lake Convent (signer is Mother Cecilia, Superintendent) approving 50 Indian Girls (Sioux and Chippewa from Sisseton, Standing Rock, and White Earth) to be educated at Graceville, MN from July 1, 1894 to June 30, 1895 (3 pages).	August 29, 1894

ST. REGIS
INDIAN SEMINARY

FLORISSANT, MISSOURI

Title: Indian School for Girls, St. Ferdinand Parish, Florissant, Missouri

Dates: April 1825 to before July 1828

Creator: Society of the Sacred Heart

Abstract: Passing references in letters and *Journal of the Society in America* [JSA], by Philippine Duchesne; historical account in Garraghan 1.147-167

Quantity/Physical Description: .25 Linear Feet ; Scans, transcriptions, translations, publications

Geographic Location(s): Florissant, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Originals at General Archives, Society of the Sacred Heart, Rome; transcriptions, translations readily available in publication

Language(s): French, English

Preferred Citation: Society of the Sacred Heart

Related Material:

Publications:

Gilbert J. Garraghan, S.J., *The Jesuits of the Middle United States*, 3 vols. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1984.

Carreel, Marie-France, RSCJ et Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, *Philippine Duchesne : Pionnière à la frontière américaine (1769-1852) : Œuvres complètes*. 2 vols. Turnhout : Brepols, 2017. English translation: Philippine Duchesne, Pioneer on the American Frontier (1769-1852): Complete Works. 2 vols. Trans. Frances Gimber, RSCJ. Society of the Sacred Heart, 2019.

Photos : Convent building, 1819, public domain

Archival Collections: literary references only

Artifacts: Convent building 1819 still standing, interior decoration restored to 1820s. Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, Florissant, Missouri. Note: the Indian school was held in another building, no longer extant.

Processed by: successive archivists and editors

Historical Note:

The context is a similar school for Indian boys at the Jesuit seminary several miles away (see Garraghan, op. cit.) The boys' school was Bishop Dubourg's intention for the Jesuits from 1823, when they started planning, with promise of government support. Formal opening of boys' school May 11, 1824 (Garrigan 1.151). Ended 1831.

Girls' school attempted by Religious of the Sacred Heart at St. Ferdinand in Florissant, known from several references in the sources. See Scope and Content, below.

Scope and Content: Passing references in house journal and correspondence:

Philippine Duchesne to superior general Madeleine Sophie Barat, June 10, 1824, asking permission, just after opening of boys' school by the Jesuits

April 6, 1825: two girls brought by pastor Fr. VanQuickenborne; school opens with one Indian, one halfbreed. Mary Ann O'Connor, RSCJ (1785-1864) in charge. [JSA]

April 23, 1825, Philippine Duchesne to Madeleine Sophie Barat, superior general in Paris: the Indian school finally beginning, entrusted to Sr. Mary Ann O'Connor, age about 40, of solid virtue. The school keeps her separated from most of the community during the day and all night. The Indian girls leap around Sr. O'Connor and call her mama. They need activity, so work with the cows, chickens, and garden.

March 3, 1826: baptism of Indian girl, Charlotte, whose health was in danger [JSA]

April 3, 1826: baptism of three of our Indian girls [JSA]

Christmas report 12.25, 1826 lists numbers in each school, including ten in Indian school [JSA]

July 22, 1827: visit of Jesuit father provincial “who did not assure us of any help on their part.” [JSA]

July 29, 1827: “A Letter from the father superior who turns over the Indian girls entirely to us.” [JSA]

Petition of Jesuits and Dubourg to government for support of girls’ school denied (Garraghan 1.159-160)

July 1, 1828: lists of numbers of students: boarders, orphans, paying day students, free school, no mention of Indians [JSA]

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: none

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Society of the Sacred Heart – History

Society of the Sacred Heart – History – 19th century

St. Ferdinand's Church (Florissant, Mo.)

Organizations/Corporations:

Society of the Sacred Heart

Places:

Florissant (Mo.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
		See list of published references above	1825-1828

ST. CHARLES MISSION SCHOOL

PRYOR, MONTANA

ST. XAVIER MISSION SCHOOL

ST. XAVIER, MONTANA

Title: Saint Charles Mission / Saint Xavier Mission / Pretty Eagle School and other Montana Missions Collection

Dates: 1935-2017

Creator: Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg Archives

Abstract: A collection of records and photographs from Montana missions

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 1/4 Linear Feet

Geographic Location: Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN

Collection Location: Archives Room 101, Section 2, Shelf 3; Archives Room 103, File Cabinet, Enrollment Reports

Language: English

Preferred Citation: Saint Xavier Mission / Pretty Eagle School and other Montana Missions Collection, Sisters of St. Francis Archives, Oldenburg, Indiana

Related Material:

Photos: Located in photo file drawer labeled Parishes by State in Archives Room 103.

Folder 1	Montana Miscellaneous		19 sleeves
	Crow Agency, MT	St. Denis	
	Hardin, MT	St. Joseph Church	
	Lodge Grass, MT	Our Lady of Loretto	
	Lame Deer, MT	Blessed Sacrament	
Folder 2	St. Xavier, MT		21 sleeves
	St. Xavier Mission / Pretty Eagle School		
Folder 3	St. Xavier, MT		17 sleeves
	St. Xavier Mission / Pretty Eagle School		
Folder 4	St. Charles, Pryor, MT		23 sleeves
Folder 5	St. Charles, Pryor, MT		18 sleeves
Folder 6	Northern Cheyenne Reservation		7 sleeves
Folder 7	Prayer Lodge, Busby, MT		16 sleeves
Folder 8	Prayer Lodge, Busby, MT		11 sleeves

Artifacts: Housed in two display cases with three shelves each in first floor main convent corridor near Archives.

Case on left - Top shelf: Beadwork items from the Crow and Northern Cheyenne
Middle shelf: Items illustrating feathers and additional beadwork articles
Bottom shelf: Arrows and spears used in hunting and warfare

Case on right – Top shelf: Photo of Tom and Charlotte Rockroads, Northern Cheyenne, who are Associates of the Sisters of St. Francis

Thunderbird symbol along with other feathered items

Middle shelf: Beaded stole and rosary used by Fr. Thomas Grant, SJ who ministered on the Crow Indian Reservation

Bottom shelf: Grinding stones used to crush grains, herbs, meats and berries in food and medicine preparation

See https://www.forever.com/app/users/osf-archives/albums/archives-sisters-of-st-francis-oldenburg-in/9a740sh1779nbc502thvxd3zd to access albums on the Montana Missions.

Main album Montana Missions

1 Early History
2 Montana Timeline
3 Sisters' Correspondence
4 Montana Memories
5 Sisters Who Served in Montana
6 School Enrollment Records
7 About St. Xavier Mission School
8 Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Album 2 Unidentified Montana Photos

48 Files

Processed by: S. Mary Ann Stoffregen and S. Rose Marie Weckenmann, August 2022 - June 2023

Historical Note:

In June 1935 four Sisters of St. Francis arrived at St. Xavier Mission, MT. Their task was to reopen a boarding and day school for elementary school children and later a high school formerly under the direction of the Ursuline Sisters from Toledo, OH. Due to financial reasons, the high school closed for the final time in 1953. The boarding school was discontinued in 1975 and St. Xavier Mission School was turned over to an Indian controlled school board. The name of the school was changed to Pretty Eagle School in honor of a Crow chief. In 1982, a decision was made to restore the school's status as a Catholic school, thus the official name of the school became Pretty Eagle Catholic School.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of 5 boxes containing, in part, correspondence, educational enrollment records, news clippings, and photographs. Materials pertaining to St. Xavier Mission/Pretty Eagle School are located in the following boxes listed in the Collection Inventory:

Box 1 Files A-B-C-D-F-G-H-I-L-M-P-Q-S-V-W
Box 2 Files A-B-C
Box 3 Files A-B-D-F
Box 4 Files D-G-N-O-P-Q-S
Box 5 File I

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Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of Saint Francis of Oldenburg

Places:

Saint Xavier (Mont.)

St. Xavier Mission School (Saint Xavier, Mont.)

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available online and can be accessed through the link on the Sisters of St. Francis website. Researchers may also visit the Archives in person. If researchers are unable to visit the Archives, the Archivist will respond to their queries and provide scanned copies.

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	A	Rev. Charles Owens' Obituary	1963
		(Jesuit who served the Crow Indian Catholic mission parishes from 1934-1962)	
	B	Short Early Histories at St. Xavier, MT	1935-1985
		Crow Catholic Church Timeline	1878-1922
	C	Miscellaneous Correspondence from St. Xavier, MT	1935-1982
	D	Letters Concerning Indian Artifacts Left to the Mission	1963
		The Billings Gazette Article about Pretty Eagle Catholic School Principal Arthur Pitts	1990
		Named "American Hero"	
	E	Postcards: St. Xavier Mission, Yellowtail Dam, St. Labre Indian Mission, "Pretty Shield's Vision"	1969-1996
	F	Articles in CALL and COMTOC about the Montana Missions	1969-1974
	G	Memorial Mass Program for S. Adele Merkel at St. Xavier Mission	1985
	H	St. Xavier Mission: A Century of Catholicism among the Crow people by Karen Watembach	1888-1988
		Article "On an Indian Mission in Montana" by S. Rose Geneva Grantz, OSF published in The Shield	1959

	I	Program of St. Xavier Founding Day Mass	1987
	J	Prayer Service in Gratitude for Fifty Years in Montana with the Crow and Northern	1985
		Cheyenne People	
	K	Article in The Billings Gazette: "Crows Unfurl New Banner"	1968
	L	Some "I Remembers" from Montana by Sisters Who Served There	1935-1983
	M	St. Xavier, MT Mission School Fire	1968
	N	Bishop Thomas Murphy's Letter of Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the	1986
		Sisters of St. Francis' Ministry in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings	
	O	Program for Corpus Christi, Lodge Grass, MT	1984
	P	Newspaper Article about Visit of Two Native Papua New Guinea Sisters to Pretty	1994
		Eagle Catholic School, St. Xavier, MT	
	Q	Celebration of St. Xavier Mission Centennial	1987
	R	Historical Account of St. Charles Mission, Pryor, MT by S. Adele Merkel	1966
	S	Questionnaire Concerning Extra-Curricular Activities at St. Xavier Mission School	1940
	T	Letters of Sisters at St. Charles, Pryor, MT to S. Mary Edgar, Mother Mary Cephas and	1965-1971
		Mother Marie at Oldenburg, IN	
		Sketch of St. Charles Mission Center	1970
	U	Early Days at Pryor, MT by Rev. Laux, SJ	1938
	V	List of Sisters Who Served at St. Xavier, MT	1935-1999
		List of Sisters Who Served at St. Charles, Pryor, MT	1936-2000
		List of Sisters Who Served at Lame Deer, MT	1982-1993
		List of Sisters Who Served at Lodge Grass, MT	1983-1984
		List of Sisters Who Served at Ashland, MT	1985-1986
		List of Sisters Who Served at Busby, MT	1992-2017
	W	Collection of Montana Newspaper Articles	1969-1987
	X	New Library at St. Charles Mission, Pryor, MT	1998
	Y	St. Charles, Pryor, MT School and Parish Centennial Calendar	1990-1991
2	A	Letters by S. Mary Odo Volkert from St. Xavier, MT to Mother Clarissa Dillhoff	1935-1940
		(Originals)	
	B	Letters by S. Mary Odo Volkert from St. Xavier, MT to Mother Clarissa Dillhoff	1935-1940
		(Second Copy)	
	C	Montana Sisters Journal (Original and Second Copy)	1936-1940
3	A	Newspaper Articles about the St. Xavier, MT Town Fire	1996
		"Tribal Emblem and Flag of the Crows" by Mickey Old Coyote	1969
	B	Pretty Eagle Catholic School Yearbook, St. Xavier, MT, Dedicated to S. Pauline Slavick	1985-1986
	C	Crow Calendars Produced by the Staff of Bilingual Materials Development Center,	1981, 1984,
		Crow Agency, MT	1987
	D	Newspaper Clippings	1976-1987
		Map of Crow Indian Reservation	1976

	E	Prayers in the Crow Indian Language Composed by the Missionaries of the Society	1891
		of Jesus	
		Baawalaatpuuche, Publication of the Bilingual Materials Development Center	1979
		Article Published in The Harvest entitled "A New Understanding: Father Randolph and	1998
		the Crow People"	
	F	Collection of Newspaper Articles	1970-1996
		Article on the History of the Crow Nation by Mickey Old Coyote	nd
	G	Crow Songbook Written in the Crow Indian Language, St. Denis Parish,	nd
		Crow Agency, MT	
	H	Crow Sun Dance – 50th Anniversary	1993
4	A	Crow Indian Agency Land Operations	1966
	B	The American Indian and the Three R's: Race, Rights, Religion	1969
		The Blue Cloud Quarterly, Volume XVI, No. 2	1970
		Buffy Sainte-Marie, Cree Indian, Folksinger, Poetess	1968
	C	Ten Poems Written in Creative Writing Classes at the Institute of American Indian Arts,	1969
		Santa Fe, NM	
	D	Jesuits in Montana 1840-1960 by Wilfred Schoenberg, SJ	1960
		The Oregon-Jesuit, Volume XXIII, No. 3, includes information on the founding	1954
		of St. Xavier Mission	
	E	Guide to Big Horn Country, Hardin Herald	1974
	F	Copies of the Amerindian (American Indian Review)	1968, 1972
	G	Crow-Northern Cheyenne Bilingual Education Newsletter	1980
	H	Indian Education Newsletter, Vol. I, No. 3	1968
		Education Dialogue: A Forum for Indian Education Personnel	Feb. 1972
		Education Dialogue: A Forum for Indian Education Personnel	March 1972
	I	Absalokaa News, Vol. 2, No. 1, Crow Agency, MT	1982
	J	"Native American Women Join Hands," by Carol Ann Morrow, St. Anthony Messenger	Nov. 1999
	K	Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Newsletter, Vol. 20, No. 1	2001
	L	Conference on Native Americans, St. Labre Mission, Ashland, MT	1975
	M	"Crow Poets," Native Peoples Magazine	1995
	N	Notes about the Implementation of a Native American School Board	1971
		by S. Adele Merkel	
		Pretty Eagle School Commencement Program	1979
	O	Letter from Mother Marie Dillhoff to Fr. Backes concerning the Sisters when St. Xavier	1972
		becomes a Government School	
		Minutes of St. Xavier Mission Board Meeting	1975
		Bishop Thomas J. Murphy's Visit to Pretty Eagle School	1982
		By-Laws of the Pretty Eagle School Board	nd

	P	Position Paper on Indian Control for St. Xavier School	nd
		Minutes of the St. Xavier School Board Meeting March 6	1975
		Supreme Court Decision Concerning Ownership of the Big Horn Riverbed	1981
	Q	Minutes of the Pretty Eagle School Board Meeting April 15	1975
		Minutes of the Pretty Eagle School Board of Directors May 24	1982
		Minutes of the Pretty Eagle School Board of Directors March 7	1983
		Minutes of Pretty Eagle School Board of Directors July 7	1983
	R	Report of the Great Falls Missionary Consultation	1982
	S	Articles about St. Xavier Mission and the 125th Anniversary of Pretty Eagle	2012
		Catholic Academy	
	T	News Clipping – "St. Charles Mission Welcomes Two Sisters"	2012
5	A	Letter from Fr. Dan Crosby Asking for Two Sisters to Work at Lame Deer, MT	1982
		Crow-Northern Cheyenne Bilingual Education Newsletter Spring	1981
		Crow-Northern Cheyenne Bilingual Education Newsletter Winter	1981
	B	Information Concerning St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT	nd
	C	Dedication of the Church – St. Labre Indian Mission, Ashland, MT	nd
	D	Ceremonial Magazine, Vol. 34, No. 1, Gallup, NM	1955
	E	That's My Baby by S. M. Giswalda Kramer (History of St. Paul Mission, Hays, MT)	1981
	F	Marquette University Survey "Catholic Indian Mission Records Project"	1980
	G	Map of Locations of Museums, Tribal Centers, Historical Sites in North America	1991
		Pipe Ceremony Explanation	1991
		Vision Quest Explanation	1991
		Chief Seattle's Message to President Franklin Pierce	1864
		Pictures with Explanations of Indian Sayings	1992
		Entrenchment Trail, Custer Battlefield, MT	1981
		Postcards and Photos: St. Labre, Big Horn Mountains, Indian Version of Psalm 23	nd
		Montana Highway Map	1972
		Newspaper Clippings – Crow People, Crow Obituaries, American Indian	1980
		World Peace Day	
		Article on "The Medicine Wheel"	nd
	H	"History of the Tekakwitha Conference" by Stanislaus Maudlin, OSB	1997
	I	Montana Memories	1935-2016
	J	Closing of Prayer Lodge	2017
	K	Treaties Between the Crow People and the U.S. Government	1825, 1851, 1868
	L	"Native Catholics: Rising to New Life Through the Tekakwitha Conference"	April 1989
		by Catherine Walsh, St. Anthony Messenger	

BERNALILLO BOARDING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN GIRLS

BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO

Title: LHC06 Schools, New Mexico, Bernalillo, Bernalillo Public Schools, Indian Industrial School, and Our Lady of Sorrows Grade and High Schools

Dates:

Creator: Sisters of Loretto

Abstract: This collection consists of annals, eyewitness accounts, correspondence, news clippings, programs, financial records, property records, and other materials related to the work of the Sisters of Loretto in Bernalillo, NM. Research files compiled after the schools closed and newspaper clippings are also included in this collection.

Quantity/Physical Description: less than one linear ft

Geographic Location(s): Bernalillo, Sandoval County, New Mexico, United States; Bernalillo County, New Mexico, United States

Collection Location(s): Loretto Heritage Center stacks, Shelf C-3

Language(s): Eng., Spanish, French, Italian, Latin

Preferred Citation: Sisters of Loretto Heritage Center, LHC06: Schools, New Mexico, Bernalillo, [folder title].

Related Material:

Publications:

- *Bernalillo: Between the Rivers and a Hard Place*, Martha Liebert (Martha Liebert Publishing, 2021)
- *Beyond the Adobe Wall,* Sr. Patricia Jean Manion, SL (Sisters of Loretto, 2001)
- *At Work in the Fields of the Lord: The Historic and Enduring Influence of the Sisters of Loretto on the Landscape of Bernalillo, New Mexico,* Lisa Nicholas, MCRP (UNM School of Architecture, unpublished Master's thesis, 2000)

- *Stringing Rosaries: The History, the Unforgivable, and the Healing of the Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School Survivors,* Denise K. Lajimodiere (North Dakota State University Press, 2019)
- *Roots of Resistance: A History of Land Tenure in New Mexico* and *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States,* Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (University of Oklahoma Press, 2007)
- *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History,* Ned Blackhawk (Yale University Press, 2023)
- *Exiled: The Tigua Indians of Ysleta del Sur,* Randy Lee Eickhoff (Republic of Texas Press, 1996)
- *Indigenous Continent: The Epic Contest for North America*, Pekka Hämäläinen (Liveright, 2022)

Photos:

- Our school photograph collection can be found online at https://lorettocommunity.canto.com/v/archives and includes images from the Bernalillo schools.

Archival Collections:

- Published resources (LHC13) especially the manuscript "150 Years" by Sr. Matilda Barrett, SL
- Dissertation (LHC04) of Sr. M. Ann Thomas Roche, "A History of the Schools Conducted by the Sisters of Loretto in New Mexico"
- Administrative files (LHC02) of Mo. Praxedes Carty, 1896-1922; Mo. Clarasine Walsh, 1922-1928; Mo. Olivette Norton, 1928-1940; Mo. Edwarda Ashe, 1940-1952; Mo. Felicitas Quinlivan, 1952-1958; and Mo. Mary Luke Tobin, 1958-1970
- Personal mission materials (LHC17) of Sr. Patricia Jean Manion and Sr. Lilliana Owens
- *The Sisters of Loretto and the Indian Boarding Schools Century,* Libby Comeaux, Co-member (December 2023), along with papers, books, and digital records gathered for purposes of this research. Some materials from this collection are restricted.

Related Collections *not* in the Archives

- Sandoval County Historical Association.
- 1983 Microfilm Project of Loretto Motherhouse Archives, at New Mexico State Archives.
- Resource database of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, www.boardingschoolhealing.org/resource-database-center.
- Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University Archives.
- Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative of the U.S. Department of the Interior. doi.gov/priorities/strengthening-indian-country/federal-indian-boarding-school-initiative.
- Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Milwaukee, WI.
- National Archives and Records Administration, Denver, Ft Worth, and DC.
- Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (available online).
- Archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, in custody of the Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- 1983 Microfilm Project of Loretto Motherhouse Archives, at New Mexico State Archives.
- Resource List from the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project. https://ahprojectusa.org/resources.

Artifacts:

- #0420 – 10". Native American doll made with a dried apple for its face and clothed in an Indigenous fabric costume with Southwestern pattern on felt blanket. Dark braided hair. From Bernalillo, NM.
- #0421 – 36" x 14.5" x 16". Pine chair with carved back, front rung, and finials, with seat made of woven leather strips. Likely made c. 1930 by shop class students at the public high school run by Sisters of Loretto in Bernalillo, NM.
- #0422 – 27" x 52". Woven rug, pattern of multicolored diamonds against brown, green, and red background; red edges; "Sr. Margaret" in center, with upside-down "T"; multicolored yarn fringe on ends. Made by Native Americans in Bernalillo, NM, for Sr. Margaret Mary Keenan, SL (1855-1946).

Processed by: Reba Weatherford, 2024

Historical Note: An Indian Boarding School (a/k/a Loretto Indian School, Sisters School, Bernalillo Industrial School, and other names) was operated under federal regulations from 1886 to 1936. It was originally funded by the federal government, which gradually reduced funding while private funding took over (largely from Mother Katharine Drexel and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament). This school succeeded an earlier convent school for local girls that began in 1875. The Sisters of Loretto continuously operated these schools as well as private convent schools and public schools, adding various buildings for these purposes to the ecclesial complex at Our Lady of Sorrows parish before departing in 1966.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of three boxes of materials including correspondence, news clippings, property records, financial reports, insurance records, annals, event programs, and compiled research.

Statement of Arrangement: This collection was originally processed in the 1970s or 1980s, and materials were regularly added to the collection. Original order was not maintained. In 2024, the materials were reprocessed and the order of the original processing was maintained, except in folders where materials from both schools were mixed together or where large amounts of disparate materials were put in one folder. In those cases, the folder materials were split by school or subject. Handwritten annals were moved from another collection into this one. Property records from Loretto's Finance Office were also added to this collection. A crosswalk showing the relationship between the original folders and the new folders was created and is available upon request.

In the 1980s, the News Mexico State Archives microfilmed the entire collection of New Mexico documents held at the Loretto Archives, these microfilms can be accessed by contacting the New Mexico State Archives.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Materials which provide blood quantum of named or photographed Pueblo students or connect names of Pueblo students with their likeness (i.e., labeled photographs) are restricted indefinitely for research. Permission to view these materials will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States
Catholic Church — Education – United States

Catholic Church — Education – United States -- History

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Church schools

Church schools – History

Pueblo Indians – Missions

Pueblo Indians – Education

Names:

Hayden, Magdalen

Praxedes, Mother

Owens, Lilliana, sister

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of Loretto

Places:
Bernalillo (N.M.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Research File • prayer card for Rt. Rev. William Henry Ketcham, 1921 • Marquette League solicitation booklet, c. 1910 • "Historical Sketch of the Bernalillo Public High School, 1891-1945," by Sr. Lilliana Owens, c. 1946 • "Loretto in Bernalillo, New Mexico, 1891-1952," by Sr. Lilliana Owens, c. 1946 (2 copies) • report of contributions for schools in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 1928 (Spanish lang.) • "The Indian Schools of the Sisters of Loretto, Bernalillo, N.M.," printed in "Loretto Magazine," vol. 3, no. 5, writer unknown, 1904 • note on Catholic employees of Government Indian Services, author and date unknown • "History," one-page history of the Bernalillo Indian School, author and date unknown • "Loretto Indian School: Bernalillo, New Mexico," printed in "The Calumet," April 1914, writer unknown • transcription of correspondence from Charles E. Burton to the Dept. of the Interior U.S. Indian Service, 1875 re: Sr. Margaret Mary [Keenan] • list of Loretto Sisters buried at Bernalillo, compiled 1951 • "Sister Eustelle [Fitzpatrick], Pueblo Missionary," printed in "The Indian Sentinel," vol. 12, no. 3, 1932 • typed copy of news article "Bernalillo School, the Work of Commissioners Morgan Undone," author, date, and newspaper unknown • correspondence to Loretto Sisters from Mrs. Edward C. Yrisarri re: research for book about New Mexico, April 21, 1939 and response April 29, 1939 • correspondence to Sr. Edwina [Munding] from unknown person re: research on Bernalillo High School, January 14, 1948 • document likely removed from the annals relating memories from the Bernalillo schools, author and date unknown • typed transcript of sermon of Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne, given at convent and chapel dedication, May 31, 1950; typed copy of letter to "The Reporter" (Leon, Iowa) from Mrs. C.L. Lowery re: Bernalillo schools • correspondence from Sr. M. Alexis [Stark] to unknown Sister re: report of financial status and events at Bernalillo, January 8, 1951	1910-1973 undated

		• correspondence from Sr. M. Leontine [Moore] to Sr. Mary Jean, OP re: Sr. Mary Jean's book "Never the Golden City" and a possibly blood relation between a person mentioned in the book and Sr. Edwina Munding, June 13, 1966 and response July 13, 1966 • attendance statistics of Bernalillo Indian School and public school, 1896-1948, compiled 1949 • correspondence to Sr. Antonella [Hardy], Loretto Archivist, from Sr. M. Placidus [Rigdon] re: handbook for Bernalillo High School, November 25, 1944 • "A Non-Catholic's Tribute to Our Indian Schools," author and date unknown • correspondence from Kathryn Keenan Backstrom to Sr. Suzanne Marie [Janis] re: Sr. Edwina Munding and memories of the Bernalillo schools, January 7, 1973 • correspondence to Sr. Doloretta Marie [O'Connor] to Sr. Matilda Barrett, Loretto Archivist, re: whether or not the Indian Industrial School accepted male boarders, February 18, 1962 • "Loretto School, Bernalillo, New Mexico," from "150 Years" vol. 1 by Sr. Matilda Barrett • "100th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Bernalillo, New Mexico, 1856-1956," souvenir bulletin (2 copies) • February 1932 issue of "The Calumet"	
1	2	Newspaper Clippings • "Marquette League's Good Work," The Catholic News, February 21, 1914 • "Religious Garb in Indian Schools," paper unknown, 1912 • "Supplement to The Calumet," April 1914 • "Archbishop will Bless Convent of Loretto Nuns in Bernalillo," Santa Fe Register, May 1950 • "Bernalillo Schools will be Parochial Institutions in Fall," paper unknown, July 22, 1949 • "Archbishop will Lead Centennial Rite at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish," The Santa Fe Register, November 2, 1951 • "Flood at Bernalillo," paper unknown, August 2, 1951 • "Bernalillo Centennial Celebration," The New Mexico Register, November 2, 1956 • "Bernalillo Parents, Youngsters Join Forces to Construct New Grade School Building," paper unknown, September 3, 1963 • "Young Ladies Band to Aid St. Joseph Manor," Northside Story, September 12, 1969 • "County Purchases El Zocalo to House Economic Development and Job Training Center," The Sandoval Signpost, July 2003 • "Church of Our Lady of Sorrows," paper and date unknown • "New Look," paper and date unknown	1914-2003 undated

1	3	Manuscript for Proposed Book by Sr. Matilda Barrett • "The Sisters of Loretto at Bernalillo, New Mexico, 1874-1945" (2 copies, both with notes and additional information) • "Bernalillo Schools, NM, after 1949," bk. III, Chapter 7 (appears to be missing several pages) • handwritten draft for June 22, 1949-July 5, 1949 (2 pages) • typed research notes from annals and other sources (7 pages)	c. 1950
1	4	• Archbishop Salpointe Research File • correspondence from Sr. M. Gertrude [Delgado] to Sr. M. Liliosa [Kelly] re: Archbishop Salpointe, March 31, 1949 • memories of Archbishop Salpointe written by Sr. Margaret Mary Keenan, n.d. • "Padre Alberto Gathers Herbs for Ailing Priest, with Little Kindness becomes Archbishop" The New Mexico Sentinel, by Msgr. Philip F. Mahoney, January 12, 1938 • "Penitentes Granted Rights by Archbishop Lamy 1857," The New Mexico Sentinel, January 26, 1938 • "Snow on the Organ Recalls Hermit of the Cueva Man of Penance and Miracles in Civil War Period," The New Mexico Sentinel, n.d. • "Little Known Penitente Sect Born 700 Years Ago in Italy," The New Mexico Sentinel, n.d. • "I Saw the Tortures of the Penitentes," by Mark Markham, n.d.; "Penitentes Hold Salpointe's Attention," The New Mexico Sentinel, n.d.	1938-1949 Undated
1	5	Annals, 1875-1966 • typed annals for the Sisters' convent and schools in Bernalillo	1875-1966
1	6	Our Lady of Sorrows Grade and High School Annals, 1955-1966 • typed annals	1955-1966
1	7	History of Bernalillo Schools and Memoirs by Sr. Margaret Mary Keenan • content is similar to that in the early years of the typed annals—may have been part of the original handwritten annals • one-page signed document, "Memoirs of Sister Margaret Mary Keenan," dated May 9, 1945 • 21-page handwritten document titled "Loretto Indian School, Bernalillo, New Mexico, undated but regarding c. 1887 and a second handwritten transcription of that document • correspondence from Sr. Margaret Mary Keenan to Sr. M. Winifred [Leahy], re: school finances, September 1, 1894 and August 29, 1895	1894-1945 undated

2	1	Correspondence, 1931-1932 • subjects include bid for installation of gas service, property taxes (1931), sale of Sr. Doloritas [Montoya]'s family property in Bernalillo	1931-1932
2	2	Correspondence, 1936-1941 • subjects include: sale of property, Sr. Pia [Guerra]'s illness, Katharine Drexel's withdrawal of support for the Bernalillo Indian Industrial School	1936-1941
2	3	Correspondence, 1942-1945 • subjects include: land deeds, construction of new shop building, rent of school buildings to the state, taxes, suit over land in Sandoval Co. naming Loretto as a defendant, sale of land deeded to Sr. Lorenza [Mongrain] and Sr. Doloritas [Montoya], land deed searches, building estimates	1942-1945
2	4	Correspondence, 1948-1951 • subjects include: Sr. M. Edwina [Munding]'s remembrance of her time at Bernalillo from 1896-1918, work on the new convent, building a chapel at Bernalillo and chapel fund, Costillo property deed, sale of land deed to Sr. Lorenza [Mongrain], Sr. Remegia [Mackle]'s health, rent of school building, construction of store room and garage, renting out land to farmers, land surveys (includes small drawing of land)	1948-1951
2	5	Correspondence, 1959-1961 • subjects include: roof at grade school, property lines, copy of deed between Pedro and Emilia Perea and the Sisters of Loretto (1890), copy of deeds for land in Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties (1960), purchase voucher for land, property values	1959-1961
2	6	Correspondence, 1961-1964 • subjects include: roof repair costs, chapel furniture, land sales and surveys, Joseph Kloeppel's purchase of land and lease terms, selling land to state for Highway 85, death of Sr. Marie Elise [Cullen], repairs and upgrades to buildings, corrected quitclaim deed, June 5, 1964 and copy of deed (1966); purchase agreement between Richard C. Losh and Paul V. Crowley and Sisters of Loretto	1961-1964
2	7	Correspondence, 1964-1966 • subjects include: purchase of land by Paul Crowley and Dick Losh, lease of land to Eduardo C. de Baca, purchase of high school building and grounds, construction on grounds, sale of land for highway construction, new altar, contract for use of shop building, building sketches, selling land to federal government, sale of high school building	1964-1966

2	8	Correspondence, 1966-1968 • subjects include: possible sale of school property to town of Bernalillo, possible sale of property to Paul Crowley and [Richard] Losh, land appraisals, use of school buildings, land appraisals, possible sale of the convent building, sale of convent furniture, insurance, sale and rental of properties	1966-1968
2	9	Financial Reports, 1894-1967 • Statement of Financials, July 1894-July 1895 • Annual Report, August 1896-August 1897 • Annual Report, July 1902-July 1903 • Semi-annual Report, July 1, 1926-December 31, 1926 • Semi-annual Report, January 1, 1933-July 1, 1933 • Semi-annual Report, January 1, 1953-July 1, 1953 • Expenditures Report, January 1, 1950-June 1, 1950 • Semi-annual Report, ending July 1, 1954 • Semi-annual Report, ending June 1, 1958 • Semi-annual Report, ending June 30, 1961 • Semi-annual Report, ending June 30, 1962 • Semi-annual Report, ending November 30, 1965 • Semi-annual Report, ending November 30, 1967	1894-1967
2	10	• Benefactors • correspondence from C.N. Hilton to Sister Carlita [Woods] re: pledge for building, July 17, 1946 • Tom Gallagher, Jr. to Sisters of Loretto re: donation, December 20, 1947 • Henry G. Marten, assistant general sales manager for John Sexton & Co., to Sr. Alexis Stark re: donation, November 18, 1949 • Joseph Land, Albuquerque Bus Co., to A.C. deCola, Albuquerque Tribune, re: donation to Sisters, November 28, 1949 • H. Seligman, Bernalillo Mercantile Co., Maloney re: donation to Sisters, January 27, 1950 • Edward Turner, Knights of Columbus, to Daniel Maloney re: donation to Sisters, February 9, 1950 • Hilton to Sr. Loyola Marie Lindhorst re: donation, November 2, 1955 • T.P. Gallagher, New Mexico Timber Co., to Sr. Loyola Marie re: donation, April 6, 1956 • T.P. Gallagher to the Lumber and Sawmill Workers #2864 re: donation to Sisters, April 6, 1956 • Hilton to Sr. Loyola Marie re: donation, August 23, 1957 • Hilton to Sr. Loyola Marie re: donation, August 11, 1959 • Donations for a New Building, January 12, 1950 • Report of Sr. Mary Antonella [Hardy] to Sr. M. Alexis Stark, June 21, 1950 • Building Fund Donations Received in Bernalillo (after flood), January 1, 1950-July 1, 1950	1946-1950

2	11	• Tuition Correspondence Regarding Poor and/or Orphan Students • correspondence and court documentation dated September 10, 1927-March 21, 1938 regarding the following children: ○ Francquita, SanMarcial and Annamaria Gallegos, Jacinto Gallegos, Henry Gallegos (father's name was Felipe) ○ a girl about 15 who lived with her sister ○ the Altamirano girls (father worked as a goat herder in Hildago Co. and also lived in Lordsburg, NM) ○ 17-year-old girl who had been living at the NM Girls' Welfare Home ○ two high-school-aged girls (father's name was Delfinio Quintana) ○ Louisa and Reyes Salazar (parents' names were Amelia Armijo and Daniel Salazar) ○ Florence and Ruby Howard ○ Julia Perez and two other Perez children (parents' names were Anselmo and Esperidonia Perez) ○ Lucy Simpson ○ Tessie, last name possibly Oakley ○ Oritz children (father's name was Daniel) ○ Thomasita Gonzalez (father's name was Vincente) ○ Cordelia and Manuelita Sandoval ○ Ethel Smith (father's name was Lee Smith) ○ Zenida, Raphaelita, Eudora, and Aurora Cordova ○ two Gonzalez girls ○ Consuelo Franco, father Jose Franco ○ Julia Gallegos ○ Theresita Montano (aunt's name was Lilly Mae Montano) ○ Zulema Jesusa and Margarita Hernandez ○ Done Sandoval ○ Eulalia and Estela Sandoval ○ Angela and Agatha Caffo ○ Porfiria Mendez ○ Manuelita Martinez ○ child of Mary Jane Lawrence ○ Daisy Howard ○ Alice Bertha Reid ○ Pilar Valez ○ Juanita Torrez ○ Marian Gallegos	1927-1938
2	12	Property Deeds and Drawings • property deeds, 1862-1966 • correspondence regarding early property sales • several undated drawings of property • drawing for proposed fence, 1928 • right-of-way map	1862-1966 undated

2	12a	Poperty Records from Finance Office • These materials were part of the former property files in the Motherhouse Finance Office. • Property deeds, warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, 1896-1950 • news article "Court Settles Interesting Suit," n.d. • news article "Another Will of Grover Harrison Brought to Light," n.d. • land and right-of-way drawings.	
2	13	Land Appraisals • "Inventory and Valuation of Property for Bernalillo Indian School," 1907 • appraisal of property, 1966 • Certificate of Survey for land in Sandoval Co., 1967 • land analysis, 1972	1907-1972
2	14	Sale of Property, 1968 • materials related to the 1968 sale of the property to the Brothers of the Good Shepherd	1968-1974
2	15	Farm Leases and Contract Correspondence • correspondence and lease agreements dated 1951-1966 regarding the lease of the Sisters' land in Bernalillo to local farmers	1951-1966
3	1	Indian Industrial School Annual and Quarterly Reports ● Annual Report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, school year 1934-1935 ● Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs Report of Attendance for quarters ending ○ December 31, 1935 ○ June 30, 1936 ○ September 30, 1936 (2 copies)	1934-1936
3	2	• Indian Industrial School Correspondence • correspondence, 1890-1936, primarily from the Department of Interior Office of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the Marquette League, and the Sisters mostly concerning funding for the school and the contracts with the government	1890-1936
3	3	Our Lady of Sorrows / Bernalillo High School Commencement Programs and Invitations • invitations for the years 1938-1939, 1954 • one program for the year 1949 with names of graduates	1925-1954
3	4	Our Lady of Sorrows Property Insurance Documents • correspondence related to property insurance for the grade and high school complexes	1958-1973

ST. PATRICK INDIAN MISSION

ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

Title: St. Patrick Indian Mission (Anadarko, OK; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1892 - 1965

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, news clippings, histories, and ephemera from the St. Patrick Indian Mission in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Quantity/Physical Description: .5 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: *Indians of the Southwest, Kiowa Murals*, "Geronimo Slept Here" by George Lundy in *Extension Magazine*, *St. Patrick's Indian Mission of Anadarko, Oklahoma 1891-1918* by Very Rev. Urban de Hasque, D.D., and "St. Katharine Drexel and St. Patrick's Mission to the Indians of the Southern Plains" by Richard Fossey and Stephanie Morris

Photos: Buildings, families, children, and sisters

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University; Blessed Sacrament Sisters Archives, CHRC (Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia)

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): Contract Agreement with congregation prior to 1940

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

With the consent of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D.D., and Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschaert, the mission was founded at Anadarko. At that time, Anadarko was just an Indian settlement of many tepees with a few poor houses. The first sisters included Sr. Aemiliana, Superior, and Sisters Anna Garzia, Tranquilla, and Burcharda. Funded by Mother Katharine Drexel, the school opened on October 18, 1892, with 7 Native American children. A month later there were 22; by Christmas, 47; and by February 1896, 77 children from five different tribes were enrolled.

On September 26, 1909, fire destroyed the five wooden buildings. A combination of Father Isidore Ricklin's fundraising, insurance money, and funding by the federal government made possible the construction and operation of a new school. However, as a Federal Indian School, it would now be known as Anadarko Indian School.

Due to financial conditions and low enrollment, the school closed on May 25, 1965.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of two 10” x 14” and five 10” x 12” folders measuring 4.5” containing correspondence, news clippings, staff lists, and the House History of the mission written by Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

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Catholic Church -- Education – United States

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Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:
Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma

Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa (Okla.)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

People:
Drexel, Katharine Mary, Saint, 1858-1955

Places:
Aston (Pa.)

Anadarko (Okla.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Documentation of Opening (1892) and Closing (1965) of Mission Letters to Mother Katherine Drexel from OSF superiors (1892-1911) "St. Katharine Drexel and St. Patrick's Mission to the Indians of the Southern Plains" by Richard Fossey and Stephanie Morris (2007)	1892-1965 2007
1	2	Communications with Education Depts. and Indian Bureau (1896-1937)	1896-1937
1	3	Correspondence between Congregation Superiors and Concerned Parties in Anadarko. (1909-1937) -Issue of Secular Clothing for Sisters teaching in Government Schools -Removal of Catholic Symbols from School Buildings -Possible withdrawal of Sisters from St. Anthony -Agreement of Sisters to Remain in Anadarko	1909 to 1937
1	4	Correspondence between Congregation Superiors and Sisters/Local Officials Letters: 1941 - 1956	1941-1956
1	5	Contract: Agreement with Congregation prior to 1940 Letters between Sisters at St. Patrick's and the Congregation (1962-1965) Letter announcing Closure of Mission -- May, 1965 Some research information on the Indians in the Mission	Pre-1940-1965
1	6	Photos: -Children at St. Patrick Mission (1921) -Sisters teaching in School (1941) -Mission Buildings (1941) -Early pictures of Indian Families (undated) -Small photos of Sisters and Indian Families (1930-1950) Postcards: -Early 1900s—Mission and surrounding areas	1900s-1950

1	7	News clippings (1909-1992): -Historical Sketch of St. Patrick Mission (1891-1918) -Historical Sketch of work of Father Isidore Ricklin (1891-1921) -Fire at St. Patrick Mission (1909) -Commencement Exercises (1912) -Father Isidore Ricklin -Sister Olivia - Native Oklahoma Choctaw -St. Patrick Mission Continues (1933) -U.S. to drop St. Patrick's Mission (1933) -Death of Sister Gerard [62 years in Oklahoma] (1955) -Summary of St. Patrick Mission as written in "The Mission Advocate" (1956) -Frank Keah-Tigh (Fran St. Patrick) (1979) -Sister Carissa returns to St. Patrick School (1987) -Various pictures of Anadarko (1987) -St. Patrick School Reunion (1987) -Pioneer Davis tells of opening days in Anadarko (1981-1982) -Centennial tribute to work of Father Isidore Ricklin (1991) -Sisters Alma Brunner and Carissa, Bishop at Celebration (1991) -Information on "Kiowa" murals (1991)	1909-1992
1	8	House History (1891-1965)	1891-1965
1	9	Mission Lists (1947-1965) School Records (1938-1964)	1938-1965

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA

Title: St. Joseph Indian Academy (Chickasha, OK; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1899 - 1968

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, news clippings, histories, and ephemera from the St. Joseph Indian Academy in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Quantity/Physical Description: .5 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: Copy of "The Padillan" school newspaper; 1926 yearbook

Photos: Photos of building (inside and out); group photo of parents, students, sisters, and priests.

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): Abstract of Title and Warranty Deed for property in Chickasha deeded to the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia which was returned to the bishop in 1968; contract between the sisters and Holy Name Parish

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

With the approval of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan and Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschaert, D.D., and Rev. Father Isidore Ricklin, OSB, St. Joseph School at Chickasha, Indian Territory, was opened on August 31, 1899. Funds were supplied by Mother Katharine Drexel. The pioneering sisters included Sister Concordia, Superior, with Sisters Luke, Ethelberga, and Lumen. Students included both whites living in the town and Native Americans. In 1913, Holy Name Parish donated a block of property with buildings in consideration of the sisters paying the Paving Tax. With the permission of Bishop Reed, the school was closed on May 27, 1968, and the sisters closed the convent on June 15, 1968.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of six folders containing correspondence, legal documents, staff lists, news clippings, the House History of the mission written by Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, and secondary source copies.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States -- History

Catholic schools -- United States

Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)

Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma

Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa (Okla.)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Places:

Aston (Pa.)

Chickasha (Okla.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Letters regarding property (1913) Deed (1913) turned over to Bishop in June 1968 Mortgage Notes (1920s)	1913, 1920s
1	2	Letter to Mother Aloysia from Bishop of OK (1906) Letter to Rev. Urban de Hasque from Mother Aloysia (1908) Early letters to Rev. W. Ketcham from various sources (1908-1916) Abstract of Title (1911) Articles of Agreement (1913) Warranty Deed (1913) School Contract (1913) Letters between Sister Patricia and Charles S. Lusk – Indian Affairs Letters from Sister Gratiana (1920s)	1906 to 1920s
1	3	Letters related to the building of a new school (1920s) Contract and Agreement (1920) Financial Record (1920) Communication between Mother Immaculate and Sister Teresa (1930s) Communication between Mother Veronica and Sister Rosline (1940s)	1920 to 1940s
1	4	Communication between Mother Leandro and Sister Rose Carmel (1950s) Communication between Mother Leandro and Sister Humiliana (1950s) Chickasha indebtedness to Glen Riddle (1959) Communication between Mother Agnes and Rev. A.O. Murphy (1960s) Communication between Mother Agnes and Sister Honorata (1960's) Proposed withdrawal from Oklahoma Missions (1968) Copy of the Deed sent to the Bishop of OK Requests to Archivist (1987)	1950s-1960s, 1987

1	5	House History	1899-1968
1	6	Mission Lists (1947-1967) School Lists (1955-1966) Copy of "The Padillan" school newspaper (1967) Copy of the 1926 yearbook News clippings: Publicity Brochure: "A Story for You" St. Joseph Academy in 1907 Religious Congregations in OK (1930) Sister Florence Bartell (1973) Photo Envelope #429: Grave Sites of Sisters buried in Chickasha. Original Building (1910) New Building (1918) Various photos of sisters in Chickasha Classroom, library, chapel scenes at the Academy Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Large Group Picture: parents, students, priests, and sisters	1907-1973

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

HOMINY CREEK, OKLAHOMA

Title: St. John Indian School (aka Gray Horse Mission on Hominy Creek, OK; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1888 – 1907

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of correspondence and ephemera from the St. John Indian School on the Gray Horse Mission in Hominy Creek, Oklahoma.

Quantity/Physical Description: .25 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: None

Photos: None

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University; Blessed Sacrament Sisters Archives, CHRC (Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia).

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): Articles of Agreement with the Department of the Interior 1894 and 1895.

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note: With the consent of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D.D., and at the request of Rev. Joseph A. Stephan, this mission was founded on October 23, 1888, with Sister Mary DeSales in charge of making the initial arrangements. Sister Mary Paul was appointed Superior with Sisters Martha, Urbana, Januaria, and Peregin. School opened November 2, 1888, with 3 sisters and 30 male pupils in a barely furnished 6-room frame building without doors or window frames.

Because it was located 60 miles from the railroad station, getting provisions was both difficult and expensive. Meals were meager fare until the Indian Bureau furnished some hogs and cows and the farm and garden produced vegetables. Despite the school's location on a creek, clean drinking water was scarce.

In 1892, a new school building was erected by Mother Katharine Drexel. The sisters were withdrawn in 1907 due to the age of the older boys (15-20 years) being beyond the norms of the congregation's Rule.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one folder containing 0.5 inches of paper documents, most of which are very poor copies of correspondence from the Blessed Sacrament Sisters Archives, in one 10" x 14" folder.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States -- History

Catholic schools -- United States

Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

People:

Drexel, Katharine Mary, Saint, 1858-1955

Places:

Aston (Pa.)

Hominy Creek (Okla.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Notation of mission's opening/closing; dated and undated correspondence to/from mission superiors, Indian Bureau directors/staff, Katharine Drexel, and General Superiors of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia	c. 1889 to 1907

NAZARETH INSTITUTE

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: Nazareth Institute/Academy, OK

Dates: 1897-1945

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of histories, correspondence, reports, and photos from the St. Louis Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: Less than one linear foot

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Records Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Carondelet Consolidated Archives, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO

Related Material:

Publications:

-1109b Archive Box 136 3 folders Sister Lucida Savage's History notes/draft

-Adams, D.W. (1995). *Education for extinction: American Indians and the boarding school experience, 1875-1928*. University Press of Kansas.

-Lajimodiere, D.K. (2021). *Stringing rosaries: The history, the unforgivable, and the healing of northern plains American Indian boarding school survivors.* North Dakota State University Press.

-Savage, M.L. (1927). *The congregation of Saint Joseph of Carondelet of Saint Joseph of Carondelet.* B. Herder Book Co.

Oral Histories: This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister oral histories. Search a particular sister's name from this ministry in the oral history file for further research.

Processed by: Sally Budge, 2023

Historical Note: Nazareth Institute/Academy was open from 1897-1945 (there is no clear documentation for when the name changed). In 1893, Sr. Virginia Joyce, formerly a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brooklyn (now Brentwood), left New York for Oklahoma. Along the way, she visited the Sisters of St. Joseph in Concordia, Kansas and picked up two sisters and a novice, who accompanied them to Muskogee, OK. Once in Muskogee, Sr. Virginia created her own religious community with no connection to the sisters in Brooklyn or Concordia. They opened Nazareth Institute upon their arrival. In 1899, the bishop insisted that the sisters in Muskogee affiliate themselves with a canonically established congregation or leave the vicariate. Four of the women joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St. Louis and at least one returned to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS. Sr. Virginia and some of the others left for Texas. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet took over the running of the school in 1900 and in 1905, it became an all-female day and boarding school. In 1903, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart took over the boys' education. In 1928, the boarding school was discontinued and in 1934, the Academy closed. Staff lists have Sisters there until 1939. Please note that records in other archives suggest a possible closing date of 1945.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of less than one linear foot of correspondence, reports, histories and other documents concerning the Nazareth Institute/Academy.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Restricted items may not be listed in this finding aid. This includes, but is not limited to, some correspondence (subject to restriction until 50 years after the death of the writer) and primary sources that identify minors by name or represent their likeness (subject to restriction for 100 years). This includes school, orphanage, and hospital records. Additionally, copies of primary sources from other organizations which we do not have permission to share, including those that identify minors, are also subject to restriction.

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Catholic schools -- United States.

Catholic schools -- United States – History.

Church schools.

Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Nuns – United States.

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. St. Louis Province.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Creek Indians.

Places:

Muskogee (Okla.)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
OK-mu-1.1		• Ministry data card through 1934 • Sisters of St. Joseph in Muskogee, OK ministry data sheet • Sisters of St. Joseph, Muskogee (reception/vow dates & transfers) • Handwritten testimonies signed by some early sisters • Nazareth Academy staff list 1892-1939 • Introduction excerpt from St. Joseph School 1891- by the St. Joseph School Board (full doc in OK-mu-2) • Some history of the presence of Sisters of St. Joseph in Muskogee, OK from Catholics in Muskogee (see also OK-mu-5) • Photos of sisters • Annual reports for 1910-1923 • List of sisters serving at Nazareth Academy from 1910-1939 • Typed early history • Sisters of St. Joseph Celebrating Fiftieth Anniversary in Muskogee clipping (History Goes Back to First Academy Organized in 1891 on reverse side) • Handwritten history on an envelope circa 1953 • Handwritten list of relatives of Miss Rosanna McGinnis (?) • Sketch of Nazareth from the Southwest Courier Annual Edition 1927 • Misc. typed histories • Copy of First Annual Commencement Program, June 13, 1894 • Annals of Nazareth Convent and School (typed copy), 1939 • Sisters of St. Joseph: 150 years in the United States, The Sooner Catholic April 6, 1986 • Photo of Building and Chapel in Muskogee, Ok. • The Aristan 1925 yearbook;	1892-1896

OK-mu-1.2		• Saving Department account record/book for The First National Bank and Trust Company, Muskogee, Okla. for Thomas Donahue 1930-1931 • Copy of insurance form for property (Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions appears across the top) and related correspondence • Mechanics Oil Company stock certificate 1914 • Letter from Corporation Commission of Oklahoma re: Mechanics Oil Company, March 11, 1924 • Protest (Copy of Instrument Protested) 1917 • Certificate of Exemption from Collection of Tax on Admissions 1918 • The Citizens Insurance Company of New Jersey policy 1932 • Fire Assocation of Philadelphia policy 1915 • Letter to Mother M. Katharine from S. St. Bernard re: insurance, December 15, 1911 • Correspondence between Mother Agnes Gonzaga Ryan & Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma re: building/property, 1912 • Letter to Mother Agnes Gonzaga Ryan from Dr. Fred J. Wilkiemeyer re: hospital ownership, September 1912 • Follow-up letter from Dr. to Reverend Mother (Rossiter), July 28, 1919 • Nazareth Institute (2 p. doc) • Receipt (?) for payment to bank, 1924 • Receipt for Mortgage Tax, 1925 • Letter of approval for affiliation to the Catholic University of America, March 18, 1927 • Receipt for rent, 1928 • Letter re: Miss McGinnis' (Rosanna McGinnis?) mortgage to Thomas H. Leahy from Kate DeBord, December 19, 1928 & other correspondence/documents related to Kate DeBord mortgage, 1929-1936;	
OK-mu-5		• Catholics in Muskogee 1890-1990 • St. Mary's of the Quapaws booklet by Velma Nieberding (reprinted from The Chronicles of Oklahoma; no date but likely before 1957) • Indian Missions • Sisters who served in Oklahoma • Catholic Education in Muskogee • Muskogee Catholicity had Beginning in 1820	1890-1993

		• Muskogee or Creek First Reader 1885 • Sister Aloysius Hurley's story • Sisters of St. Joseph mark golden jubilee of teaching in Muskogee • Indian Territory • Brothers of the Sacred Heart • Letter to the people from Bishop Beltran • Ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Oklahoma in later years • Diary of a Frontier Bishop: The Journals of Theophile Meerschaert containing entries about Mother Virginia Joyce and the Sisters of St. Joseph • Info on Nazareth Institute in Muskogee and St. Mary's Mission to Quapaws compiled by S. Margaret Quinn (Brentwood?), October 1986 • Bio of S. Mary Virginia Joyce (Brentwood; formerly Long Island) obtained from Father White at the Diocesan office in Tulsa, OK by S. Mary Martin (Brentwood) in 1993 • Document on Mother Virginia Joyce from Fr. White dated June 1993;	

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL FOR OSAGE INDIAN GIRLS

(RENAMED ST. LOUIS ACADEMY, 1942)

PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA

Title: LHC06 Schools, Oklahoma, Pawhuska, Immaculate Conception Parochial School and St. Louis School

Dates: 1915-2008

Creator: Sisters of Loretto

Abstract: This consists primarily of research materials, correspondence, accounting records, annals, and newspaper clippings related to St. Louis School and Immaculate Conception Parochial School in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear ft.

Geographic Location(s): Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Osage County, Oklahoma

Collection Location(s): Loretto Heritage Center stacks, shelf C-5

Language(s): Eng.

Preferred Citation: Sisters of Loretto Heritage Center, LHC06: Schools, Oklahoma, Pawhuska, [folder title].

Related Material:

Publications:

- *Annals of Osage Mission*, W.W. Graves (Graves, 1935)
- *Getting Sense: The Osages & Their Missionaries*, James D. White (Sarto Press, 1997)
- *Beacon on the Plains,* Mary Paul Fitzgerald (St. Mary College, 1939)
- *Osage Mission Sesquicentennial, 1847-1997: Celebrating 150 Years,* Mary Frances VanLeeuwen Casey (Jostens, 1997)
- *History of the Osage Nation: Its People, Resources, and Prospects*, Phillip Dickerson (Dickerson, n.d.)
- *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann. (Doubleday, 2017)

Photos:

- Our school photograph collection can be found online at https://lorettocommunity.canto.com/v/archives and includes images from St. Louis School and Immaculate Conception Parochial School.

Archival Collections:

- Personnel file (LHC04) of Sr. Eugeniana Koenig.
- Administrative files (LHC02) of Mo. Praxedes Carty, 1896-1922; Mo. Clarasine Walsh, 1922-1928; Mo. Olivette Norton, 1928-1940; and Mo. Edwarda Ashe, 1940-1952.
- Published Resources (LHC13) especially the manuscript "One Hundred and Fifty Years" by Sr. Matilda Barrett
- *The Sisters of Loretto and the Indian Boarding Schools Century,* Libby Comeaux, Co-member (December 2023), along with papers, books, and digital records gathered for purposes of this research. Some materials from this collection are restricted.

Related Collections *not* in the Archives:

- Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Milwaukee, WI.
- National Archives and Records Administration, Denver, Ft Worth, and DC.
- Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (available online).
- Archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, in custody of the Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- Resource List from the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project. https://ahprojectusa.org/resources.

Artifacts:

- #0424 – Artifact described in original catalog entry as glass hair used by Native Americans on dolls, other ornaments, etc.
- #0617 – 4" x 2". Miniature moccasin beaded purse. Made by Red Woman Reynolds (Arapaho) and given to Sr. Matthew Geraghty, SL. Sr. Matthew taught at Immaculate Conception Parochial School in Pawhuska, OK, from 1939 to 1942.

Processed by: Reba Weatherford, 2023

Historical Note: At the request of the Osage people, the Jesuits and the Sisters of Loretto Catholic orders began schools for children of the Osage and other Indigenous tribes at Osage Mission, Kansas, in the 1840s. However, President Grant's 1870 Indian Peace Policy prohibited the Jesuits and Lorettos from following the Osage to Oklahoma. Under that policy, 34 of the 41 Indian missions the Catholic Church had established in the United States were reallocated to Protestant denominations, and Catholic missionaries were prohibited. With the emergence of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, government policy changed. The Bureau, with the assistance of Mother Katharine Drexel of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, was able to found St. Louis Indian Boarding School for Girls in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, in 1907. This school was first staffed by Franciscan Sisters. When the Franciscans left St. Louis School, the Osage Tribal Council petitioned the government for the return of the Sisters of Loretto. Lorettines returned to teach the Osage in 1915. The oil boom (most productive from 1906 to 1928) created changes both opportunistic and violent, causing many Osage families to disfavor the boarding school. This was due in part to the building's age and maintenance deficiencies and in part because parents wanted to provide their daughters more advantageous education on the coasts. During the same time, a new parish church was under construction in town. By 1918, in the midst of declining Osage enrollment and financial uncertainty about the funding of the boarding school, the Sisters of Loretto added a day school teaching ministry in Pawhuska at Immaculate Conception Parish. Both Osage and white families contributed financially there. In 1925, a convent was completed and the new church was dedicated. From 1918 to 1931, most students at the boarding school were not Osage, but rather from the Cherokee, Potawatomi, Kaw, and other school-less tribes for whom Mother Katharine Drexel provided funding. After the stock market crash in 1929, Osage students returned to the boarding school. The Sisters of Loretto withdrew from both schools in 1942, when the Blessed Sacrament Sisters became available to take over.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one box of materials including correspondence, newsclippings, ledger books, event programs, annals, and compiled research.

Statement of Arrangement: This collection was originally processed in the 1970s or 1980s, and materials were regularly added to the collection. Original order was not maintained. In 2023, the materials were reprocessed and the order of the original processing was maintained, except in folders where materials from both schools were mixed together. In those cases, the folder materials were split by school. Handwritten annals were moved from another collection into this one. A crosswalk showing the relationship between the original folders and the new folders was created and is available upon request.

Restrictions on Use and Access:

Materials which provide blood quantum of named or photographed Osage students or connect names of Osage students with their likeness (i.e. labeled photographs) are restricted indefinitely for research. Permission to view these materials (including photographs) must be granted by the Osage Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Materials should be requested from the Loretto Heritage Center, and Heritage Center staff will seek approval from the Osage Nation THPO.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States
Catholic Church -- Education – United States

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Church schools

Church schools – History

Osage Indians – Missions

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:
Owens, Lilliana, sister

Praxedes, Mother

Places:
Pawhuska (Okla.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Research File • Lists of Sisters (living 9/1/1976) who served in Pawhuska (2 copies, one annotated) • list of Sisters who served in Pawhuska 1915-1942 • correspondence from Sr. Matilda [Barrett], SL to Sr. Ann Genevieve [Martha Ann Dyer Blackford, CoL] requesting Osage-related materials for the library, June 24, 1963 • points about Pawhuska (fact sheet); Dioceses of Oklahoma Centennial Prayer bookmark c. 1973 • correspondence from Sr. Eugeniana Koenig, SL to Sr. Edwarda Ashe, SL regarding the Klash-Kah-She Club, Feb. 7, 1967 • "Klash-Kah-She Marks 39th Anniversary Here Tuesday," unknown newspaper (c. 1967) • photocopy excerpt of Chronicles of Oklahoma, vol. XXV, 1947 article titled "Education Among the Quapaws, 1829-1875," Carolyn Thomas Foreman; Pawhuska, OK informational bulletin • email correspondence regarding Immaculate Conception alumni • scrapbook given to Sisters from Leona L. Achee, former student of St. Louis School.	1976-2008
1	2	Newspaper Clippings • "Funds for Renovation of Pawhuska School Given by Mother Katharine," Southeast Courier (Sep. 19, 1942) • "Great Osage Chief," paper unknown (n.d.) • Photographs of Osage, newsmagazine unknown (n.d.) • "Former Attorney to be Ordained June 27," paper unknown (n.d.) • "First Communicants," Osage Journal-News (April 11, 1969) • "Tom-Toms of Osage Land Welcome President's Wife," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Pawhuska Picturesquely Located Among Hills of the Osage Country," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Catholic School Here Will Close," Osage Journal-News (April 11, 1969) • "Religious Congregations in Oklahoma," Southwest Courier (May 24-June 7, 1930)	1915-1939 undated

		• "Special Payment August 15, 1916," paper unknown (c. 1916) • "Osage Oil Case," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Riches of Osage Tribe Plundered by White Greed," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Osage Indians get $20,000 Daily from Oil Lease Holders," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Indian School to Observe Anniversary," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Mrs. Roosevelt to Ride through Business Area on Way to Osage Dances," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Large Crowd at School Jubilee," Daily Journal (June 6, 1939) • "Chief to Celebrate Golden Wedding Fete," Southwest Courier (1939) • "Mrs. Roosevelt Speaks to 2,000 in Urging Peace," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Indian School to Observe Anniversary," paper unknown (n.d.) • "Golden Jubilee Celebration, Central Figures at Pawhuska," Southwest Courier (June 19, 1937)	
1	3	Correspondence • Correspondence regarding reprinting of articles in the Southwest Courier from Diocese of Oklahoma to Sr. Callista [Robinson], SL Dec. 12, 1929 to Feb. 17, 1930 (four letters) • correspondence to Southwest Courier from Sr. M. Antonella [Hardy], SL (archivist) regarding issues of the Southwest Courier, Jul. 10, 1930 to Jan. 28, 1931 (two letters) • letter to Sr. M. Antonella [Hardy], SL from Sr. Callista [Robinson], SL superior at Pawhuska regarding work completed at Immaculate Conception and St. Louis School, Dec. 15, 1929 • letter to Sr. Liliana [Owens], SL from Sr. Mary Eva [Bowling] superior of Pawhuska regarding Osage community life, Sept. 24, 1933.	1929-1933
1	4	Immaculate Conception Parish Newsletters and Event Invitations • Golden Jubilee Celebration invitation (June 1937) • Our Parish newsletter Oct. 1934 to Feb. 1937.	1934-1937
1	5	Immaculate Conception Parochial School Manuscript for Proposed Book by Sr. Matilda Barrett, SL • Book II Chapter 16 • Book III Chapter 13	undated

1	6	Immaculate Conception Parochial School Annals and Memoirs • Annals, 1918-1942 (2 copies, one with photos and news articles and one without) • excerpts from I.C. School Annals • Sr. M. Lambertine Verstynen's Memoir of Pawhuska, OK (written in 1963).	1918-1963
1	7	Immaculate Conception Parochial School Finance Reports and Cash Books • Cash book, 1925-1942 • Schools Accounts, Expenses, and Receipts Book, July 1939-July 1942 • Semi-Annual Reports of Receipts and Disbursements, 1924-1942 (representative sample)	1925-1942
1	8	Immaculate Conception Parochial School Event Programs • Program for Spring Recital given by music pupils, April 12, 1940	1940
1	9	St. Louis School Manuscript for Proposed Book by Sr. Matilda Barrett, SL	undated
1	10	St. Louis School Annals, 1915-1925 • Handwritten annals, 1915 - c. 1925 • typed annals, 1915-1925 (*note: typed annals are not a word-for-word copy of the handwritten version).	1915-1925
1	11	St. Louis School Financial Reports and Inventory • Semi-annual reports of receipts and disbursements, 1928-1942 (representative sample); inventory list of articles placed in St. Louis School since August 20, 1926	1928-1942
1	12	St. Louis School Event Programs • Program for the Operetta “Iktomi,” June 6th, 1918	1918

Title: St. Louis Indian School (Pawhuska, OK; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia);

St. Joseph Day School for Indians (Pawhuska, OK; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1887 – 1948

1901 - 1908

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, news clippings, histories, and ephemera from the St. Louis Indian School and St. Joseph Day School for Indians in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Quantity/Physical Description: .25 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: Pages from *The Indian Sentinel* - 1910; a page from the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament's newsletter *Peacemaker* (Fall, 1985)

Photos: Various pictures of students at St. Joseph Day School

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University; Blessed Sacrament Sisters Archives, CHRC (Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia).

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): Abstract of Title to Land 1906-1910

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

With the consent of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D.D., and at the request of Rev. Father Joseph A. Stephan of the Indian Bureau, this mission was founded on October 10, 1887. Sr. Mary DeSales, Superior, was accompanied by Sisters Eleanora and Athanasia plus a postulant. The school opened on December 1, 1887, and expanded so greatly in two years that a larger building was purchased and furnished but was later destroyed by fire. Mother Katharine Drexel funded the erection of a four-story stone structure.

St. Joseph School grew out of St. Louis Boarding School. In 1908 when the day school closed, the children attended classes at the boarding school.

The sisters were withdrawn from the mission in 1915.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of three 10” x 12” folders measuring 2” containing correspondence, financial records, the House History of the mission written by Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, news clippings, photos, and secondary source copies.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: This collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States
Catholic Church -- Education – United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States -- History

Catholic schools -- United States

Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)

Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

People:
Drexel, Katharine Mary, Saint, 1858-1955

Places:
Aston (Pa.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Letter requesting three or four Sisters of St. Francis (1887) Letter to Mother Agnes from Mother Katharine Drexel (1887) Letter to Mother Agnes from D. Felix DeGrasse (1888) Report for the Catholic Missions from Josephite Archives (1897) Letter to Mother Agnes from D. Ignatius, OSB (1888) Letter to S. Aquinata from the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (1899) Letters from Sister Aquinata to Rev. Msgr. Stephan (1899) Letters from Sister Gerard to Rev. Wm. Ketcham (1902) Letter to Sister? from Mother Katharine Drexel (1902)	1887-1909
1	2	Communications with Sister Gerard from the Director of Catholic Missions (1904) Letter in 1904 about damage done by a tornado. Letter to Mother Aloysia from Sister Olivia (1907) Publication: *Indian Sentinel* (1910) Short History of St. Louis Indian School (1910) Letters between Rev. Ketcham and Sister Remigia, Mother Aloysia (1911-1912) Letters to Sister Evangelista (1913-1914) Letter to Mother Katharine Drexel and Rev. Ketcham from Mother Aloysia concerning plans to withdraw sisters. (1914) Letter to M. Aloysia from Rev. Ketcham regretting incidents which prompted withdrawal (1915) Letter to Mother Nothburga from Mother Katharine Drexel (1931) Letter from Mother Olivette (Sisters of Loretto) to Mother Nothburga (1931) Later inquiries related to students in the school	1904-1931

1	3	"Memories of Long Ago" – my trip to the Southwest by Sister Meinrada (1901-49) "Chronicles of St. Louis School" (1908-1909) Communications between Mother Katharine Drexel and various superiors at St. Louis Indian School (1888-1915) RESTRICTED MATERIAL (Letter from Father Ignatius Jean, OSB, to Cardinal James Gibbons related to the Pawhuska affair of 1889 Various pictures of Indians and Children at the Day School	1888-1915

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

PURCELL, OKLAHOMA

Title: St. Elizabeth Indian School (Purcell, OK; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Our Lady of Victory Day School

Dates: 1888 - 1948

1945 - 1968

Creator: Sister Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, photos, histories, and ephemera from the St. Elizabeth Indian School and Our Lady of Victory Day School in Purcell, Oklahoma.

Quantity/Physical Description: .5 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications:

Photos: Buildings, students, sisters

Archival Collections:

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University; Blessed Sacrament Sisters Archives, CHRC (Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia)

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): Deeds, Resolutions**,** Agreement with Indian Affairs

Processed by: Sister Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

With the consent of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D.D., and at the request of Rev. Father Joseph A. Stephan of the Indian Bureau, this mission was founded on February 13, 1888. The first Sisters included Sister Mary Barbara, Superior, and Sisters Patricia, Joachim, and Chrysologus.

From the early years of St. Elizabeth Indian Mission, our Sisters conducted a separate day school for the children of Our Lady of Victory Parish but lived at the Indian mission. In August 1948, when St. Elizabeth's was discontinued as an Indian school, the Sisters agreed to continue teaching at the parish if a convent would be provided. After twenty years and with the permission of Bishop Reed, Our Lady of Victory School was closed on May 24, 1968, and the Sisters were withdrawn on June 29, 1968.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of two 10” x 12” and five 10” x 14” folders and one 10” x 14” envelope measuring 6” which contain correspondence, staff lists, photos, legal documents, and the House History of each mission written by Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, and copies of secondary sources.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States
Catholic Church -- Education – United States

Catholic Church -- Education – United States -- History

Catholic schools -- United States

Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)

Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma

Catholic Church. Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa (Okla.)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

People:
Drexel, Katharine Mary, Saint, 1858-1955

Places:
Aston (Pa.)

Purcell (Okla.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Letters to Mother Katharine Drexel from Sister Barbara (1888) Letter to Mother Aloysia from Sister Matthew (undated) Finance Report from Sister Matthew (1914) Letter to Mother Kilian from Sister Hiltrudis (1925) Letters to Mother Katharine Drexel from Sisters Tranquilla and de Padua (1927-1932) Letters indicating that "Tribal Funds" have run out Letters to Mother Katharine Drexel from Sister Encrates (1932-1937) Letters between Mother Immaculate, Mother Veronica and Sister Encrates (1932-1937) Letters to Chief Ben Dwight from Sister Encratis (1933) Letter to Mother Immaculate from Father Schmitt (1933) Agreement with Indian Affairs (1935) List of children in school (1936)	1888-1936
1	2	Letters between various superiors and Mother Veronica (1938-1945) Letters to Mother Leandro from Sister Teresa (1945-1948) Letters about disposal of some of the property at the Mission Letters to Pastor of Our Lady of Victory related to closing the Indian mission and retaining sisters for the school Communication with Harriet Corbin (formerly at St. Elizabeth) - 1960 Requests for archival material (1984)	1889-1984
1	3	Communications received from Archives of Marquette U. (1889-1948)	(1889-1948)
1	4	Deeds, etc. (1902-1908), (1898-1924) Resolutions authorizing Officers to convey property (1948) Later communications related to Land Titles (1950's)	

1	5	Original copies of old Deeds related to St. Elizabeth Indian Mission	
2	1	House History [St. Elizabeth] (1888-1945) House History [Our Lady of Victory] (-1945-1968)	1888-1945
2	2	Mission and School Lists (1938-1947) Communications with Thelma Phillipe (Cossota) Brief History by Ruth Jones (former student) News clipping: Closing of Mission Photos: -Ruth Jones - graduation in 1926 -Various students (1926), Reception into Sodality (1931) -Sisters after retreat -Students and sisters (1910) -Graduation (1919) -Sister Olivia Taylor -St. Elizabeth Convent -Church -Ruth Jones (1977) -Sister Teresa -Sisters Lena and Cecilia -Sister Eulalia -Day School -Old photos of students -After the fire -Later photos (1955) -Thelma Phillips	1910-1977

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

PENDLETON, OREGON

Title: St. Andrew Indian School (Pendleton [Umatilla], OR; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1890 – 1971

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, newsclippings, histories, and ephemera from the St. Andrew Indian School in Pendleton, Oregon.

Quantity/Physical Description: .5 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: *The Indian Sentinel 1955*; *St. Andrew's Sesquicentennial 1847-1997*

Photos: Buildings, property, children, sisters, priests, and parish/school events.

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University; Josephite Archives

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): None

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

With the consent of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D.D., and the Most Rev. William Gross, D.D., and at the request of the Jesuit Fathers, this school was accepted on February 25, 1890. The first sisters were Sr. Ivo, Superior, with Sisters Ludovica, Blanche, Paphnutia, and Theodula, followed a few months later by Sisters Assisium and Oswin.

Fire destroyed the school in September 1942 and was not reopened until June 1947. The sisters had been withdrawn during that time but resumed school duties in September 1947 until their final withdrawal in 1971. From 1947-1971, they lived at St. Joseph Academy Convent in Pendleton.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of five 10” x 12” folders measuring 4” containing correspondence, financial records, the House History of the mission written by Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, news clippings, photos, and secondary source copies.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

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Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)

Catholic Church. Archdiocese of Oregon City (Or.)

Catholic Church. Archdiocese of Portland (Or.)

Catholic Church. Diocese of Baker City (Or.)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Umatilla Indians

Places:

Aston (Pa.)

Pendleton (Or.)

Umatilla Indian Reservation (Or.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Short History of the School (undated) Letter from Bishop of Baker to Mother Aloysia concerning admission of boys to school; Obituary of Sister Ludovica (1921) Letter to Mother Kilian - death of Sister Lucretia in 1926 fire Account of fire and Sister Lucretia in a letter by Mother Kilian Bishop's sermon related to Sister Lucretia Sisters Olalia's account of the fire and death of Sister Lucretia (1926) Letters between Mother Immaculate and Sister Clementina (1933-1935) Letters between Mother Immaculate and Sister Ernestine (1937-1938) Notes written by Sister Casper prior to 1954 Special card sent to Mother Agnes from Sisters and Indian children (c.1965) Letters to Mother Agnes from students at St. Andrew School (1968) House History (1926-1938) Financial Records (1926-1938)	1887-1909
1	2	Letters received from Marquette and Josephite Archives (1890-1904)	1890-1904
1	3	School staff lists (1937-1968) Account of St. Andrew' s Umatilla Reservation Information on the Umatilla Reservation Booklet: *The Indian Sentinel* - 1955 News clippings: -Early clips from *The Indian Sentinel* -Corpus Christi at St. Andrew's (1911)	1847-1997

		-School Fire (1926) -Tribal Ceremonies made Bishop Leipzig an honorary "Chief Black Robe" (1956) -Sister Florita's classroom (1957) -Article in Oregon-Jesuit Publication related to St. Andrew Mission New Buildings -Sisters at St. Andrew's (1960's) -Sister Francis Lorraine (1968) -Various clips of the children and sisters (1960's) -Indians greet sisters wearing traditional costumes (1970s) -"Intercom" 1990 Photos: Buildings at St. Andrews including convent Photo Envelope #346 -Buildings after the fire in 1928 -St. Andrew School -Students and teachers, Indians in traditional costumes -Indian children, First Communion Class Booklet: St. Andrew's Sesquicentennial (1847 - 1997)	
1	4	Photo Envelope #165N: -Fathers' House after the Fire in 1928 -Father Vaughn of London in Indian Village -Ruins of sisters' convent in 1926 -Overview of St. Andrew Mission buildings -Sisters' convent before the fire -Chapel in sisters' convent -Sister Sybilla and children ready for a sack race (1916) -Sisters Lavinia, Lucretia, Agatholia, Ludovica, Marina, Oscar, Fdwina, Firmana, and Sixta	1897-1957

		-Sisters Sixta, Acazia, Damascena, Acquinata, Ludovica, Oscar, and Lucretia -The Fathers' house before the fire -Mission in 1897 - Sisters Ivo, Salesia, and Sybilla with children -Father Cataldo and Bishop O'Reilly with Indian Band -School bus -Indians coming to church -Outdoor Benediction -Sisters ministering at St. Andrew's Mission in 1888 Photo Envelope #166N: -Sister Michaelina (1937) -Sister Ernestine with students -Sister Andrew's Basketball team (1952) -Children in May Procession -Sister St. Kyran with children (1957) -Overview of buildings of St. Andrew -An Indian - Luke Cowkpoo (1952) -Children in front of School Bus -Sister Bernadette de Lourdes with Grades 1,2 (1950) -Children with sisters in front of school bus (1946)	
1	5	Photo Envelope #166N: -Sign - ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL (1957) -St. Andrew Church (1957) -Sister Ludovica -View of St. Andrew's in 1898 -Pendleton Roundup Grounds (1953) -Father Stelle, Sisters Lajoie, Willebrand, Ernestine, Consuella, Elexis -Indians in Corpus Christi Procession	1898-1958

		-New St. Andrew School -Inside of old church -View of convent and school before the fire -Good photo of old convent -Collection of Christmas dolls (1948) -Sisters DeLellis, Bernadette, and Nicola (1952) -May procession in 1957 Photo Envelope #167N: -Sisters Oswalda, Liberata, Syraca, Euphemia, Columba, Leander, and Thaddea, -Edna (when a small child) at St. Stephen's Mission -Ruins at St. Stephen's Mission -Several priests and Indians in front of tepee -Girls and boys basketball teams (1948, 1952) -First Communion Class (1948) -Sister Florita with sixth, seventh and eighth grades -Sister Angeline with first and second grades -Sister Helen St. Clare with third, fourth and fifth grades (1957) -Father Conrardy - Founder of St. Andrew' s Mission -Graveyard by the church -Corpus Christi Procession -First Communion (1905) -Third, fourth and fifth grade (1958) -Indian dance -Mission bus, Bishop Leipzig, Father Hurley, Sisters Angela Marie, Charitina, and de Lellis -Local clergy and Indian family	

ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL

CHAMBERLAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Title: St. Joseph Indian Boarding School (Chamberlain, SD; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1928 - 1933

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, photos, histories, and ephemera from the St. Joseph Indian Boarding School in Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Quantity/Physical Description: .25 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: Pages from *Our Mission Call*

Photos: Students, sisters, priests, building, property

Archival Collections: Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia (Aston, PA)

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): None

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

Mother Mary Kilian, Superior General—at the repeated and earnest request of the Rev. Henry Hogenbach, SCJ, and the recommendation of Mother Katharine Drexel—sent sisters to conduct St. Joseph Indian School at Chamberlain, Brule County, South Dakota in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Formerly run by lay teachers, the school was formally opened on September 12, 1928, by Mother Mary Kilian and Sister Mildred, Directress of Schools, with Sisters Quitteria (Superior), Revocata, Lillian, and Columbina. Enrollment was 32 boys and 27 girls, including white children.

There was a fire on January 26, 1930, which destroyed the laundry building and with it, a new boiler, two small washing machines, the supply of wood and coal for the winter, a large supply of soap, and the children's and sisters' clothing. A more devastating fire occurred on June 17, 1931, which destroyed the entire main building and garage.

Due to a variety of difficulties and misunderstandings, the sisters were withdrawn on August 15, 1933. Immediately, six Benedictine sisters (Yankton, SD) took over the mission.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of two 10" x 12" file folders measuring 1.5". Collection consists of two file folders containing correspondence, Annual Reports, photos, and the House History of the mission written by Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, and secondary source copies.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

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Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)

Catholic Church. Diocese of Sioux Falls (S.D.)

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Places:

Aston (Pa.)

Chamberlain (S.D.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Correspondence between Mother Kilian and Father Hogebach about recruiting sisters; about admitting Maggie Traversie as a candidate.	April 24, 1928; June 2, 1929
	1	Correspondence between Sister Maurilla and Sister Quitteria about the early days at the mission.	October 20, 1928
	1	Correspondence between Mother Kilian and Sister Quitteria about the fire in the laundry; about the departure from the mission.	January 26, 1930 August 5, 1933
	1	Correspondence between Mother Mary Nothburga and Sister Quitteria about the second fire.	June 17, 1931
	1	Correspondence between Mother Immaculate and Mother Solano about the sisters not receiving their stipend.	March 10, 1933
	1	Correspondence between Mother Solano and Father Speyer about two problem sisters.	May 17 and June 10, 1933
	1	Correspondence between Mother Immaculate and Father Speyer about withdrawing the sisters and the aftermath.	July - August, 1933
	1	Pages from *Our Mission Call*	1928 - 1933
	1	Photos	Undated
	1	Annual Reports	1929 - 1933
	2	House History	1928 - 1933

ST. GEORGE'S INDIAN SCHOOL

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Title: St. George Indian School (Tacoma [Blanchet], WA; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1888 - 1937

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of correspondence, histories, and ephemera from the St. George Indian Mission in Tacoma, Washington.

Quantity/Physical Description: .5 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): Aston, PA

Collection Location(s): Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: SOSF Archives

Related Material in the Archives:

Publications: Articles in *The Indian Sentinel*, "Reminiscences and Current Topics," and *Community News* (internal publication of the Sisters of St. Francis).

Photos: Property, building, students, and sisters.

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Collection, Marquette University

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: None

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): None

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

With the consent of the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D.D., and at the request of Rev. Peter Francis Hylebos, V.G., and the approval of Rt. Rev. Aegidius Junger, St. George's Mission was founded on August 27, 1888. The site was 140 acres on the northern line of the Puyallup Indian Reservation. With a government contract for fifty pupils, the school opened in October 1888 with four sisters—Sr. Jerome, Superior, with Sisters Lidwina, Regula, and Leonilla—plus one lay assistant. Esther Stevenson. A second contract in 1889 reduced the number of pupils to 25.

In the 1840s, the American Indian Board came under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and Native Americans became wards of the government. As such, the Indians were awarded rations and their children forced into boarding schools where they were often forbidden to speak their native language. However, rations were cut off for private boarding schools. Mother Katharine Drexel's financial support saved the mission temporarily; due to lack of funds, the bishop closed the mission in August 1937 and the sisters were withdrawn.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of one 10 x 12” folder, two 10” x 12” envelopes primarily containing secondary sources, and one hardbound journal measuring 4”.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: The collection is available for use by qualified researchers.

Indexing Terms

Subjects:

Boarding schools--United States
Catholic Church -- Education – United States

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Catholic schools -- United States

Catholic schools -- United States – History

Church schools

Church schools -- History

Indigenous education

Organizations/Corporations:
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions (U.S.)
Catholic Church. Diocese of Nesqually (Wash.)
Catholic Church. Diocese of Seattle (Wash.)
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Places:
Aston (Pa.)

Puyallup Indian Reservation (Wash.)

Tacoma (Wash.)

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Article about St. George Mission found in "Reminiscences and Current Topics" (1898) Letters received from Seattle Diocesan Archives (1906) *The Indian Sentinel* article about St. George Indian Mission (1915) Letters to Mother Aloysia from Charles DeDecker (1908) Letters to the Bishop from Esther Stevenson, lay woman at the mission (1917) Memorial Card: Esther Stevenson who died in 1923 *The Indian Sentinel* article (1930) Letters between Mother Immaculate and Sister Cornelia (1932-1934) Letters between Mother Immaculate and Sister Robertina (1937) Letter to Mother Veronica from Mother Katharine Drexel (1937) Letter from Apostolic Delegate about the closure of the school (1937) Letters from Mother Veronica to Bishop about possible transfer of orphans from St. Ann Letters from Mother Veronica to Bishop about St. George School (1938) Official notification from Bishop about closing of St. George (1938) Article about St. George in *Community News* (1980) News clippings: -Death of Mother Aloysia (1933) -Some early history of the Mission (1979) -Puyallup Tribe to Redo 155 years of total destruction of school (1996) "Memories of St. George Mission" written by S. Mary Lea Murphy More Archival Tidbits	1898-1996

		Photos: -Sisters and students (1930) -Two Indian girls - First Communion (1930) -Photos of school building and surrounding area -Special photo taken in 1889 - S. Mary Redempta identified	
1	2	Information from Marquette University Archives: Historical letters related to Operations at St. George (1888-1940)	1888-1940
1	3	Questionnaires (1889-1905)	1889-1905
2	1	House History (1888-1937)	1888-1937

ST. JOSEPH INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

KESHENA, WISCONSIN

Title: St. Louis Province Collection: St. Joseph Industrial School, WI

Dates: 1881-1980

Creator: Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Abstract: A collection of documents, artifacts and audio-visual material from the St. Louis Province.

Quantity/Physical Description: 3 linear feet

Geographic Location(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Collection Location(s): Records Room, Carondelet Consolidated Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Language(s): English

Preferred Citation: Carondelet Consolidated Archives, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO

Related Material:

Publications:

-1109b Archive Box 136 3 folders Sister Lucida Savage's History notes/draft

-Adams, D.W. (1995). *Education for extinction: American Indians and the boarding school experience, 1875-1928*. University Press of Kansas.

-Lajimodiere, D.K. (2021). *Stringing rosaries: The history, the unforgivable, and the healing of northern plains American Indian boarding school survivors.* North Dakota State University Press.

-Savage, M.L. (1927). *The congregation of Saint Joseph of Carondelet of Saint Joseph of Carondelet.* B. Herder Book Co.

Artifacts: 6 artifacts—Artifact #s 2009.156; 2009.307; 2009.308; 2012.02; 2012.03; 2012.04

Oral Histories: 1 oral history

-This ministry could be mentioned in individual sister oral histories. Search a particular sister's name from this ministry in the oral history file for further research.

-Additional oral histories from St. Joseph's Industrial School are housed at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. For more information: https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/SJIS/SJIS-sc.php

Audio-Visual Material: 1 VHS cassette tape V637

Scrapbook: 1book-Scrapbook Box 24

Individual Sister's Research: Murphy, Mary, Los Angeles Province Collection, located with sister's personal drop file

Processed by: Sally Budge

Historical Note: Under the direction of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscan Friars, Province of the Sacred Heart), a school was opened Keshena, WI in 1883 as a day school until the boarding school was finished being built. Three Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in 1883 to begin teaching. The newly constructed boarding school burned down in February 1884, and the school became a day school again until boarding facilities could be re-built. In 1887, the boarding school opened again and continued until 1952. The day school closed in 1980.

Scope and Content: This collection consists 2 boxes of correspondence, histories and documents, artifacts, a scrapbook and audio-visual materials concerning St. Joseph Industrial School.

Statement of Arrangement: The arrangement adheres to the original order whenever possible.

Restrictions on Use and Access: Restricted items may not be listed in this finding aid. This includes, but is not limited to, some correspondence (subject to restriction until 50 years after the death of the writer) and primary sources that identify minors by name or represent their likeness (subject to restriction for 100 years). This includes school, orphanage, and hospital records. Additionally, copies of primary sources from other organizations which we do not have permission to share, including those that identify minors, are also subject to restriction.

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Subjects:

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Boarding schools -- Wisconsin.

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Catholic schools -- United States.

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Church schools.

Church schools – History.

Indigenous education.

Nuns – United States.

Organizations/Corporations:

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. St. Louis Province.

Places:

Keshena (Wis.)

Collection Inventory

Series #	File	Description	Date
003.4-4		• Correspondence -St. Joseph Industrial School used as example of how things might go wrong to sisters opening up Fort Yuma Indian School	February 4, 1886
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		• The Menominees history document, n.d., Keshena history document; Keshena History timeline • List of Sisters who came to Keshena on November 10, 1883 • Staff list for 1978-1979 • Apostolic Service Record 1977-1978 • Thanks for the Memories by Gordon Keshena, Menominee Tribal News May 1980 • Packet of articles with accompanying letter from the Keshena Chronicles of the Franciscan Archives, letter dated August 1, 2005 • Memories of St. Joseph's Indian School in Keshena, circa 1980 (2 copies) • Diocese assumes sole responsibility for Indian apostolate, The Compass (Green Bay) August 16,1980 • Dedication of Keshena Convent set for Sunday, Shawano Evening Leader August 20, 1969 • Summer Safari in South Branch, Menominee Tribal News August 1986 • Indian Settlements are Described, Green Bay Register June 21, 1968	
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		• Recommendations following School Board Meeting on April 11, 1978 • Excerpt from a report from Msgr. Schommer stating that the St. Joseph will close after 1979-80 school year, April 18, 1978 • 1980 Press Release "Diocese of Green Bay Assumes Responsibility for Menominee Indian Mission" (attached to August 4, 1980 letter) • St. Michael's Bulletin for September 8, 1980 • Team Ministry Meeting Minutes, January 20, 1981 • Questions regarding Ministry to the Indians, circa 1986 • List of questions beginning with "what does it mean to be Church?" circa 1986	
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		• St. Joseph School Board Meeting minutes, April 11, 1978 • List of St. Joseph's Indian School Oral History Collection Interviews held at Marquette University as of 2022 • Print out of Marquette's webpage on the oral history collection (printed 2023) • Print out of Marquette's online Guide to Catholic Records about Native Americans in the U.S. (printed 2023) • Community Versus Assimilation: A Study in American Assimilation at Saint Joseph's Indian Industrial School, article by Sarah Shillinger, Ethnic Studies Review, Vol. 20, 1997 • Sarah Shillinger dissertation "They Never Told Us They Wanted to Help Us:" An Oral History of Saint Joseph's Indian Industrial School title page, abstract and table of contents (full 1995 dissertation is available on Preservation Drive in digital format only)	
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WI-ke-1.10	1	• Appeal letter to Friends of Our Mission from Fr. Jarleth Sobczyk of St. Michael Church for funds (includes photos of church grounds, church, sisters, students, and convent, and old yellow barn (school was originally an agricultural school for children) • Lakes of the Menominee Day, 1969 • Keshena families help each other, Green Bay Compass December 18, 1992 • Indians in Wisconsin Freed from the Reservation, But Not from Trouble with White Man, Post-Dispatch • Menominee Tribal News issue December 1976	1926-1992

		• Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, The Inter-Unit January 1926 • Parent-teacher conferences, Shawano Evening Leader May 29, 1980 • First Communion Class news clipping, Shawano Evening Leader June 9, 1978 • Father Englehard leaves Reservation after 36 years of real service • St. Joseph's 8th Grade Class, 1949 • St. Joseph's Wins Title in Grade Tourney at Keshena • Brother David Petri's Account of Himself, circa 1930s (includes as Account of St. Michael's Church and Monastery Fire from the Sisters, 1955) • A Dream Come True, The Indian Sentinel, Pride Runs Deep in the Menominee (folded informational poster, 2 copies) • Menominee Indian Centennial 1854-1954 • St. Joseph's School Located at Keshena on Menominee Indian Reservation, The Sheboygan (Wis.) Press April 5, 1941 • The Flash of a Firefly student magazine, 1973 • Parish expanding church, August 27, 1987 • Keshena Parish Hopes to Build Parish Hall, July 1987 • Far East Meets Midwest, October 25, 1987 • Wisconsin's First Residents, June 1978	
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		• A Menominee Indian Wedding, Menominee Tribal News, November 1978 • The Catholic Church in Wisconsin: A History of the Catholic Church in Wisconsin from the Earliest Time to the Present Day, Catholic Historical Publishing Company, T.J. Sullivan, 1895-1898, excerpt from book • A Short Narrative History of the Menominees, Menominee County Court House by Ferial Deer Skye • One Menominee Boy by Alice Selden • Sisters Share Remembrances of Former St. Joseph Indian School, Keshena, Wisconsin (visit from Ph.D. candidate Sarah Shillinger), CSJ News Notes August 1993 • Menominee Tribal News, Vol. 5 No. 1, January 1981 • Menominee Tribal News, Vol. 5 No. 2, February 1981 • Menominee Tribal News, Vol. 5 No. 3, March 1981 • Menominee Tribal News, Vol.5 No.4, April 1981	
2009.156		• Diploma of Honor from the Worlds' Columbian Exposition	September 14, 1983
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ST. STEPHEN'S INDIAN SCHOOL

SAINT STEPHENS, WYOMING

Title: St. Stephens Indian Mission (St. Stephens, WY; Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia)

Dates: 1892 - 1985

Creator: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Abstract: A collection of reports, correspondence, news clippings, histories, and ephemera from the St. Stephens Indian Mission in St. Stephens, Wyoming.

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Publications: Article titled "Among the Arapahoes and Shoshones" by Thomas F. Divine, SJ; articles in *The Calumet* (August 1949); *For God and Country—the Story of St. Stephen's Mission* by Lowrie J. Daly, SJ (December 1060); *Saint Stephen Indian School* by Bob Spoonhunter; *The Eagle* Yearbook (1961, 1982); and an article titled "Faith, Hope, and Family—The Ties That Bind Wind River" in *Good News* (Winter 2000), a publication of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

Photos: Buildings, adults, students, and sisters

Archival Collections: Archives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Related Collections *not* in the Archives: Blessed Sacrament Sisters Archives, CHRC (Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia).

Artifacts: None

Oral Histories: "Memories" of Our Sisters at St. Stephens, WY" (1979)

Audio-Visual Material: None

Architectural Drawings / Blueprints: None

Legal Documents (i.e. contracts, deeds, land use agreements, etc.): None

Processed by: Sr. Helen Jacobson, OSF

Historical Note:

Previously staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (1888-1890) and the Sisters of St. Joseph (1890-1892), the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia accepted this mission on August 15, 1892. With the consent of the Most Rev. Maurice Francis Burke and at the request of Mother Katharine Drexel, the following Sisters were sent: Sister Eugenia, Superior, and Sisters Coletta, Paphnutia, Modesta, Liberata, Thaddea, Amalberga, Secunda, and Evarista.

The curriculum comprises the 8 grades of grammar school to which are added as many years of vocational training. The boys are given instruction and practice in carpentry and other forms of manual training while the girls are afforded practical experience in cooking, sewing, housework, and general domestic science.

On January 20, 1928, the 3-storied main building which housed the boys dormitory, workers living quarters, a large classroom, chapel, offices, and other rooms for school activities was destroyed by fire. On March 17, 1928, ground was broken for a new 3-story, 30-room, fireproof building to which was added an adjoining gymnasium and auditorium.

While Mother Katharine Drexel helped fund the mission in the early years, government subsidies were initiated in 1911. Then a policy change in 1939 ended the boarding school and St. Stephen's became a day school. The Sisters withdrew from the school in 1985 but continued ministry on the Wind River Reservation.

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