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PURPOSE

This research guide provides an overview of Native American-related materials in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Seattle. It aims to streamline the research process by consolidating information about relevant records scattered throughout various collections.

The guide describes all known materials relating to Native communities in our archives, offering a starting point for researchers exploring Indigenous experiences within the context of Pacific Northwest Catholic history. Archives staff are available to collaborate with researchers in navigating these collections and uncovering historical records.

SCOPE

This research guide focuses on records of Native peoples and related missionary priests, religious orders, and events within the Archdiocese of Seattle, west of the Cascade Mountains. When the Diocese of Yakima and the Diocese of Spokane were formed from the territory of the original Diocese of Seattle, records of missions, parishes, and tribes in those areas were transferred to their respective diocesan collections.

Religious Orders such as the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Jesuits, and Sisters of Providence maintain independent archives, as they operate separately from the Archdiocese of Seattle. Contact information for these dioceses and religious orders is available in the "Further Contact Information" section.

Records in this guide span the entire history of the Archdiocese of Seattle from the 1830s to the present. While we aimed for completeness, some records related to Native Americans may not yet have been identified. If other records are discovered, Archives Staff will update this guide, with version numbers and dates listed in the Document History section.

STATEMENT ON POTENTIALLY HARMFUL MATERIALS

Researchers accessing records referenced in this guide may encounter outdated terms, expressions of harmful worldviews, or inaccurate representations that do not reflect the current values of the Archdiocese of Seattle or the Archives staff. Some materials may also include descriptions of cultural genocide and names or images of deceased individuals.

The Archives is committed to properly contextualizing these materials and revising archival descriptions with culturally sensitive and accurate language. In some cases, original titles used by creators have been preserved to provide historical context for the collections. We welcome any feedback regarding this guide, including concerns about harmful language. Please contact us at Archives@seattlearch.org with your comments.

HOW TO USE THIS RESEARCH GUIDE

How the Guide is Organized: The guide is organized into four sections based on various research goals and interests:

- **Tracing Family Histories and Genealogies:** Includes sacramental and school records.
- **Understanding Community Histories and Church Relations:** Features parish and mission files, as well as priest files.
- **Recent Church Engagement with Native Americans:** Highlights records related to contemporary interactions with Native communities.
- **Property or Land Research:** Covers documents related to land ownership and property matters.

What Each Section Offers:

- **Description of Records:** An overview of the types of records available.
- **Types of Information:** Details on the kind of information researchers can expect to find.
- **Significance:** Explanation of the records' importance to research.

Accessing Records: Most records are organized by folder titles, box numbers, and folder numbers. When contacting Archives staff, please include these details along with the relevant section heading. This ensures quicker access to records and more efficient assistance.

1. TRACING FAMILY HISTORIES AND GENEALOGIES

ABOUT: This section describes records in the collection with detailed personal and family information, including sacramental registers and school enrollment records. Researchers can uncover names, tribal affiliations, family connections, and cultural data, making these materials useful for exploring ancestral ties and community networks.

Early Missionary Sacramental Records (1830s-1930s)

Description: A collection of 19th and early 20th century registers of recorded sacraments provided to Native communities, primarily in the Salish Sea (Puget Sound) region. Most entries were recorded in French by Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) missionaries. All sacramental records have been translated and transcribed into a searchable spreadsheet format.

How organized: Organized chronologically by date of sacrament within bound register books.

Relevance and Potential Uses: This collection is a significant genealogical and historical resource for Native researchers. It documents baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths – giving names (including original Native names in early volumes), dates, locations, parental information, and tribal affiliations. Early records sometimes provide geographic details about where certain tribes or bands were located during specific times of the year, such as winter camps, in the period before reservations were established.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, sacramental records, genealogical information.

Types of Records Included: baptismal, first communion, confirmation, marriage, and death or burial records.

See also:

- **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** for sacramental records of some tribes in Southern Washington.
- **Parish Sacramental Records** for sacramental records that date later than the ones listed below.
- **Religious Priests** for information on individual Oblate priests listed below.

- **Diocesan Priests** for information on individual Diocesan priests listed below.
- **Diocese of Spokane** for more information on missions and parishes located in Eastern Washington.
- **Diocese of Yakima** for more information on missions and parishes located in Central Washington.

Inventory of Early Missionary Sacramental Registers:

Volume Title	Sacraments Included	Geographic Areas	Date Ranges	Priests Listed	Notes
Gray's Harbor	Baptism, Marriage, Death	Gray's Harbor	1856-1860	Rev. C. Vary	8 Looseleaf pages predominantly in English. Also contains a list of Catholics in the Puget Sound in 1860.
I, part 1	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Priest Point; Olympia; Steilacoom; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound)	1848-1857	Rev. P. Ricard, OMI; Rev. F. Jayol, OMI; Rev. E. C. Chirouse, OMI; Rev. L. J. D'Herbomez, OMI; Rev. P. Durieu, OMI; Rev. P. Richard, OMI;	In French
I, part 2	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Olympia; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound)	1848-1860	Rev. P. Ricard, OMI; Rev. F. Jayol, OMI; Rev. E. C. Chirouse, OMI; Rev. L. J. D'Herbomez, OMI; Rev. P. Durieu, OMI; Rev. Ch. J. Grandidier, OMI; Rev. J. B. Boulet; Rev. L. Rossi, Rev. P. Rossi, OMI	In French
II	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Tulalip; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound)	1857-1868	Rev. F. Jayol, OMI; Rev. P. Richard, OMI; Rev. E. C. Chirouse, OMI; Rev. L. J. D'Herbomez, OMI; Rev. P. Durieu, OMI; Rev. Ch. J. Rev. L. Fouquet, OMI; Rev. Ch. J. Grandidier, OMI; Rev. J.M. Baudre, OMI;	In French
III	Combined: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	Tulalip Reservation; Lummi Reservation; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound)	1868-1876	Rev. E. C. Chirouse, OMI; Rev. Richard, OMI; Rev. J. M. Baudre;	First Communion and Confirmations are at the back of register and upside down.

IV	Combined: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	Tulalip; New Whatcom (Now Bellingham); Sehome; Bellingham; Hamilton; Lummi Reservation, Muckleshoot Reservation; Port Gamble; Port Madison; Puyallup Reservation; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound).	1876-1892	Rev. E. C. Chirouse, OMI; Rev. P. Richard, OMI; Rev. J. B. Boulet	First Communion and Confirmations are at the back of the register and upside down. Some Euro-American sacraments mixed in. Not many explicitly called out as Native American or by tribe.
V	Combined: Baptism, Marriage	Seattle; Port Townsend; Renton; Newcastle; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound);	1865-1863	Rev. F. X. Prefontaine; Rev. Em. Kauten; Rev. R. Manioulloux; Rev. Louis Kusters	ENGLISH. Mostly White Euro-American mining camps. Native Americans called out as "Indian". Some Suquamish records (1872-1881)
VI	Combined: Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	Steilacoom; Salish Sea Region (Puget Sound)	1860-1890	Rev. C. Vary; Rev. T. Brondell; Rev. F. X. Prefontaine; Rev. Thomas Duffy; Rev. F. T. Simonik	
VII	Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, and Death	White River mission: Renton; Kent; Black Diamond; Slaughter (Auburn); Newcastle; St. Bernard	1877-1900	Rev. F. X. Prefontaine; Rev. R. Manioulloux; Rev. L. Kusters; Rev. P. J. Caniffe; Rev. Em. Kauten; Rev. A. Meuwese	
VIII	Combined: Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage	St. Boniface, Seattle; Seattle; Enumclaw; Buckley; Durham; Roslyn; Salmon Bay Park; Krain; Orting; Carbonado	1890-1891	F.T. Simonik	No Native Americans specially mentioned.
IX	Combined: Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage	Little Rock (between Olympia and Centralia)		Matthe Britt, OSB; Raymond Neary, OSB; Charles Lighthouse, OSB	Abandoned 1923; 4 entries. No Native Americans specifically mentioned.

X	Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	St. George Indian School, Enumclaw, Buckley, Carbonado, Puyallup Reservation, Muckleshoot Reservation, Nisqually Reservation, Slaughter (Auburn), Orting	1888-1893	Rev. C. DeDecker; Rev. P. F. Hylebos	
XI	Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	St. George Indian School, Muckleshoot Reservation, Nisqually Reservation, Puyallup Reservation, Auburn (Slaughter), Roy, Little Rock	1894-1923	Rev. C. DeDecker; Rev. P.F. Hylebos; Rev. P. Gard; Rev. R. Neary OSB	Scapular of Mount Carmel registrations included at back of register
XII	Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	St. George School	1923-1938	Rev. C. DeDecker; Rev. P. F. Hylebos; Rev. Goveart;	
XIII	Combined: Baptism, Death	DuPont, Camp Lewis, Tacoma	1915-1921	Rev. C. DeDecker; Rev. R. Neary, OSB	Under ten entries.
XIV	Baptism	Lummi, Port Madison, Port Blakely, Port Gamble, Port Washington, Sumas, Orcas Island, Traceyton, Semiahmoo, Guemes Island, Swinomish, San Juan Island, Marietta	1893-1918	Rev. J.B. Boulet; Rev. C. DeDecker; Rev. P. G. A. Winter; Rev. P. J. Dubbel; Rev. M. Murphy; Rev. P. Gard; Rev. D. Daly	
Grays Harbor	Baptism	Gray's Harbor County	1856-1860	Rev. C. Vary	
XVI - SACRED HEART SEATTLE	Combined: Baptism, Confirmation.	Suquamish Reservation, Port Gamble, Seattle	1913-1923	Rev. Charles DeDecker; Rev. J. B. Boulet; Rev. P. J. Dubbel; Rev. P. G. A. Winter	
ST PAUL TRAILER CHAPEL -	Baptism	Oso, Sauk, Index, Bellingham, Brinnon	1937-1939	Rev. Hugh Gallagher; Rev. Thomas Fayne; Rev. Joseph Wolter	

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Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records (1838-1890)

Description: Records of sacraments provided to Native communities, primarily in Southwest and South-Central Washington. Vancouver, Washington, the original headquarters of the Diocese of Nesqually, served as the central location for these records.

How organized: Organized chronologically by date of sacrament in bound register books.

Relevance and Potential Uses: Dating back to the 1830s, these registers are the Archdiocese's oldest sacramental records, documenting the first missionary efforts among Indigenous peoples in South Central and Southwestern Washington. They include the same genealogical information as mentioned in the previous section, including original Native names in early volumes.

- **Tribes Documented** in Volumes 1 and 2: Cathlamet, Cowlitz, "People of the Lake," Walla Walla, Cayuse, Klickitat, S'Klallam/Clallam, Chinook, Nisqually, Snohomish, Colville, Okanogan, and Spokane.
- **Other Groups with Fewer Entries**: Cowichan, Flathead, Nez Perce, Sook, Cree, Iroquois, Pend d'Oreille, and Kanaka (Native Hawaiian).
- **Volumes 3 and 4** focus more on Euro-American sacramental records, with fewer Native entries.
- **Research Note:** The first two volumes have been translated from French to English and published as *Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Vancouver Volume 1 & 2 and Stellamaris Mission* by French Prairie Press. These translations are available at the Seattle Public Library, online at the Internet Archive, and in our reading room.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, sacramental records, genealogical information.

Types of Records Included: baptismal, first communion, confirmation, marriage, and death records.

See also:

- **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** for sacramental records in the Salish Sea (Puget Sound) region.

- **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** for sacramental records of some tribes in Southern Washington.
- **Diocese of Spokane** for more information on missions and parishes located in Eastern Washington.
- **Diocese of Yakima** for more information on missions and parishes located in Central Washington.

Inventory of Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records:

Volume #	Sacraments Included	Geographic Areas	Date Ranges	Priests Listed	Notes
I	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Vancouver parish boundaries 1838-1891, includes Fort Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, Cowlitz Prairie.	1838-1842	Bishop F.N. Blanchet; Bishop Modeste Demers; Rev. J. B. Z Bolduc; Rev. A. Langlois, OMI	
II	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Vancouver parish boundaries 1838-1891, includes Fort Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, Cowlitz Prairie.	1842-1856	Bishop F.N. Blanchet; Bishop Modeste Demers; Rev. J. B. Z Bolduc; Rev. A. Langlois, OMI; Rev. P. J., Nobile, SJ; Rev. De Vos, SJ; Rev. Delévaud; Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet; Rev. Michael King; Rev. J. O. Bayard; Rev. L. Lionnet;	Note: endnotes of this register include an inventory of the Chapel of the Stella Maris Mission at Chinook Point, December 28, 1850
III	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Vancouver parish boundaries 1838-1891, includes Fort Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, Cowlitz Prairie, Port Townsend, Steilacoom	1856-1873	Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet; Rev. J. O. Bayard; Rev. E. Chirouse, OMI; Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet; Bishop A. Junger; Rev. P. F. Hylebos; Rev. L. Schram; Rev. C. Richard; Rev. L. N. St. Onge; Rev. R. De Rychere; Rev. P. A. H. Mans; Rev. C. S. Tierney; Rev. G. F. Fierens;	Rev. Brouillet; Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet; Klickitats are mostly mentioned. At the end of Volume 3, when priests do record Native American sacraments, they use the general designation "Indian" and don't designate tribe or people.
IV	Combined: Baptism and Marriage	Vancouver parish boundaries 1838-1891, includes Fort Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, Cowlitz Prairie.	1873-1890		When priests do record Native American sacraments, they use the general designation "Indian" and don't designate tribe or people.

VI	Death	Vancouver parish boundaries 1838-1891, includes Fort Vancouver, Camas, Battle Ground, Cowlitz Prairie, Cape Horn, Lewis River.	1884-1890		Only two Native Americans specifically listed

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Parish Sacramental Registers (1870s-1936)

Description: Registers documenting sacraments performed in established parishes and missions within the Archdiocese of Seattle, recorded at fixed locations rather than by traveling priests and temporary missions of the *Early Missionary Sacramental Records*. They include some sacraments for Native American Catholics recorded alongside other Catholics. While "Indian" is occasionally noted, this was done inconsistently, and after 1900, ethnicity or tribal affiliation is rarely recorded. The registers contain the same detailed genealogical information as the Early Missionary Sacramental Records.

How Organized: This section of the guide is organized by tribe or people. Under each tribe, records of parishes that served those communities are listed. Entries within the registers were recorded chronologically by date of sacrament.

Relevance and Potential Uses: As with the other sacramental records previously mentioned, these registers may be an important genealogical resource, documenting Native Catholic individuals' life events, family connections, and occasional tribal affiliations.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, sacramental records, genealogical information.

Types of Records Included: Baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, and death records.

See also:

- **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** for sacramental records of some tribes in Southern Washington.
- **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** for sacramental records in the Salish Sea (Puget Sound) region.
- **Diocese of Spokane** for more information on missions and parishes located in Eastern Washington.
- **Diocese of Yakima** for more information on missions and parishes located in Central Washington.

Inventory / Locations of Records

Note: the registers displayed in tables with ID numbers are part of the Archives collection. When the registers are not held by the Archives, contact information for the parish maintaining them is provided. If your tribe is not listed below, please contact us at Archives@seattlearch.org for a consultation.

Chehalis

- St. Francis Xavier, Cowlitz Prairie. Contact: stfrancis@toledotel.com / 360-864-4126 / 139 Spencer Road Toledo, WA, 98591-9705
- St. Francis Xavier, Cowlitz Prairie (See **Cowlitz** below)
- St. Joseph, Chehalis – no notation of Native Americans is made. Also, an early baptismal register was stolen or destroyed in 1942.
- St. James, Vancouver (see **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** above)

Cowlitz

- St. Francis Xavier, Cowlitz Prairie (See **Chehalis** above)
- St. James, Vancouver (see **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** above)

Duwamish

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.
Our Lady of Good Help, Seattle

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1883-1900	SEA-OLGH 01	

Lummi

- See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above (especially Volume III and IV)
- See **St. Michael, Snohomish (Under Tulalip)** below for a few mentions.
- St. Joachim, Lummi. Contact: administration@stjosephferndale.org / 360-384-3651 / c/o St. Joseph
- 5781 Hendrickson Ave. Ferndale, WA 98248-9281. Numerous Native sacraments were recorded at St. Jospeh, Ferndale (see below).

St. Joseph, Ferndale

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1905-1927	FERN-SJO 02	The first baptismal register (FERN-SJO 02) has been transcribed into a spreadsheet for easy searching.
Baptism	1927-1954	FERN-SJO 03	
Confirmation	1927-1961	FERN-SJO 07	
Death	1904-1918	FERN-SJO 05	
Death	1926-1999	FERN-SJO 08	
Death	1964-1968	FERN-SJO 09	
First Communion	1927-1965	FERN-SJO 07	
Marriage	1904-1935	FERN-SJO 05	
Marriage	1936-1942	FERN-SJO 06	

St. Joseph, Lynden. Contact: info@stjoseph-stpeter.org / 360-354-2334 / 205 12th St. Lynden, WA 98264-1850

Assumption, Bellingham. Contact: parishoffice@assumption.org / 360-733-1380 / 2116 Cornwall Ave. Bellingham, WA 98225-3699

Muckleshoot

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Holy Family, Auburn

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1911-1950	AUB-HF 01	
Marriage	1912-1941	AUB-HF 04	
Death	1933-1964	AUB-HF 05	

Holy Spirit, Kent

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1891-1913	KENT-HS 02	Only a few listed

Nisqually

St. Michael, Olympia

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1882-1909	OLY-SMI 01	
Baptism	1907-1944	OLY-SMI 03	Only two listed.
Marriage	1908-1942	OLY-SMI 04	Only one listed.

See also **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Nooksack

- See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.
- See Lummi above for Ferndale registers. Though no Nooksack sacraments are specifically identified, there are some sacraments.
- of people who were born in Deming and Sumas.
- St. Joseph, Lynden. Contact: info@stjoseph-stpeter.org / 360-354-2334 / 205 12th St., Lynden, WA 98264-1850

Puyallup

- See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

All Saints, Puyallup. Contact: allsaints@allsaintsparish.com / 253-845-7521 / 503 3rd St. SW
Puyallup, WA 98371

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Tacoma

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Confirmation	1909-1940	TAC-HR 06	"Cushman Indian School" Confirmations 1940

Death	1935-1967	TAC-HR 13	

St. Leo the Great, Tacoma

Type	Dates	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1877-1884	TAC-SLE 01	
Baptism	1913-1921	TAC-SLE 04	10 or so "Cushman Indian School" baptisms and St. George Indian School baptisms when Rev. DeDecker was out of town.
Death	1878-1879	TAC-SLE 01	
Death	1913-1955	TAC-SLE 13	
Confirmation	1893-1897	TAC-SLE 01	
Marriage	1878-1897	TAC-SLE 01	

Samish

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.
See **Swinomish** below.
See Skagit below.

Sauk-Suiattle

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.
See **Swinomish** below.
See **Skagit** below.

Skagit, Upper & Lower

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro Woolley

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1884-1894	SEDW-IHM 01	A few baptisms at Tulalip, but not notated as Native American.
Marriage	1917	SEDW-IHM 04	Only 4 Native American marriages were recorded in this volume.

S'Klallam or Klallam (includes Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Port Gamble S'Klallam)

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.
St. James, Vancouver (see **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** above)

St. Mary Star of the Sea, Port Townsend

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1882-1893	PT-SMSS 01	Only mentions one or two
Death	1888	PT-SMSS 01	Only mentions one or two
Marriage	1882-1894	PT-SMSS 01	Only mentions one or two

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Port Angeles. Contact: qa@clallamcatholic.org / 360-452-2351 / 209 W 11th St. Port Angeles, WA 98362-7711

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bremerton. Contact: info@staroftheseа.net / 360-479-3777 / 511 Veneta Ave. Bremerton, WA 98337-1248

Skokomish

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Snoqualmie

See **Tulalip** below.

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Squaxin Island

See **Nisqually** for St. Michael, Olympia above.
See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Stillaguamish

See **Tulalip** below.
See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

Suquamish

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

St. Olaf, Poulsbo. Contact: michelleann@stolafschurch.org / 360-779-4291 / 18943 Caldart Ave. NE Poulsbo, WA 98370-8700. St. Olaf contains modern sacraments at St. Peter, Suquamish.

Swinomish

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above.

St. Paul, Swinomish. Contact monica.lewis@stmaryanacortes.org / 360-293-2101 / 4001 St. Mary's Drive Anacortes, WA 98221

Sacred Heart, La Conner

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1878-1898	LACO-SH 01	
Baptism	1893-1899	LACO-SH 02	
Baptism	1917-1935	LACO-SH 05	
Death	1899-1925	LACO-SH 04	
Death	1918-1936	LACO-SH 07	
Marriage	1893-1918	LACO-SH 01	

Marriage	1899-1925	LACO-SH 04	
Marriage	1917-1936	LACO-SH 06	

Tulalip

See **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** above (especially Volumes II, III, and IV)

St. Anne, Tulalip. Contact stmaryoffice@st.mary-stanne.org / 360-653-9400 / 7231 Totem Beach Road
Tulalip, WA 98271

St. Michael, Snohomish

Type	Date	ID #	Notes
Baptism	1877-1901	SNO-SMI1	Most at the beginning. Some Lummis listed.

Boarding School Records (1888-1948)

Description: Administrative records from St. George Indian School, one of three Catholic Indian boarding schools in Western Washington. Our Lady of Seven Dolors School in Tulalip was operated by the Sisters of Providence, and St. Anne Mission School was operated by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, then the Sisters of Providence, and later the federal government. As they were not run by the Archdiocese of Seattle, those records are not part of our collection. Our efforts to locate Tulalip Catholic boarding school records through the Providence Archives, the Royal B.C. Archives (which holds the Oblates' records), and federal records at the National Archives have been unsuccessful and are still ongoing.

How organized: Records are grouped by type—Accounts, Correspondence, History, and Enrollment records—and arranged chronologically within each type.

Relevance and Potential Uses: These records provide a rich resource for genealogical, historical, and tribal membership research, offering some insights into the operations of the school and the identities of individual students, including:

- **Student Details:** First and last name, date of enrollment, school year
- **Family Information:** Parent or guardian's first and last name, tribal affiliation

- **Cultural Data:** Percentage of Native ancestry (for later students)
- **Sacramental Details:** Sacraments received (in some cases)
- **Location:** Sometimes residence city and state where students' families lived
- **Remarks:** Notes on family incidents, including illnesses, homesickness, runaways, deaths, or removals by family members.

Primary Groups Represented:

  - Tulalip, Puyallup, Nisqually, Muckleshoot, Lummi, Yakama, Chehalis, Suquamish, Cowlitz, Quinault, Squaxin Island, Skokomish, Snoqualmie, Sauk-Suiattle, Colville, Makah, Klallam or S'Klallam, Quileute, Swinomish, Skagit, Willapa, Duwamish.
  - Tlingit, Tsimshian, and Haida, and other tribes and/or villages from Alaska and British Columbia.

Limitations: There are no student "transcripts" that record grades, classes, or subjects taken. However, correspondence folders may include discussions of individual students and family situations.

Topics Covered: Education, genealogical information, missionization, boarding schools, tribal/Church relations, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence, reports, enrollment records, and meeting minutes.

See also:

- **Diocesan Priests** for Rev. Hylebos; Rev. DeDecker, and Rev. Govaert, who were instrumental in its founding and administration.
- **Women Religious** for Sisters of Providence for Our Lady of Seven Dolors and Sisters of Franciscans for the St. George Indian School.
- **Cemeteries** for St. George Indian School burial list and cemetery information.
- **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** for sacraments received at the St. George Indian School.
- **Property Records** for transactions of St. George Indian School circa 1960s-1970s.
- **Native American Subject Files** for additional correspondence related to St. George Indian School.
- **Jesuit Archives and Sisters of Providence Archives** for records on the other boarding schools operated by Catholic religious orders.

Inventory:

Series Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Accounts	1889-1905	6	1	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Accounts	1905-1930	6	2	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Accounts	1930-1939	6	3	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Annual Reports	1896-1926	6	4	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Articles of Incorporation	1923	6	5	Sisters of St. Francis
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Attendance Reports	1922-1926	6	6	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Attendance Reports	1927-1937	6	7	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes	1923-1939	7	1	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Clippings	1892-1935, 1974	7	2	Mother Katharine Drexel
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Correspondence - Alaskan Children	1935-1937	7	3	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Correspondence - Discontinued Operation	1938-1940	7	4	“Catholic Indian Bureau of Washington D.C.”; Charles Murrow (squatter)

St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Correspondence - General	1901-1942	7	5	Rev. Peter Hylebos; Rev. Charles DeDecker; Mother Katharine Drexel; “Bureau of Indian Affairs”; “Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions”; Commission for the “Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians”
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Correspondence - Property Sales	1941-1943	7	6	“Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions”
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Correspondence - Property Sales	1944-1959	7	7	“Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions”
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Correspondence - Research	1974	7	8	Mother Katharine Drexel; Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Easement of Adjacent Property form	1921	7	9	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Enrollment Records	1888-1903	7	10	Also includes lists of provisions
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Enrollment Records	1903-1929	8	1	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Financial Records	1936-1948	8	2	“Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions”
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Historical	1948	8	3	
St. George Indian School, Federal Way	Legal Document - Deed	1895	8	4	

2. UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY HISTORIES & CHURCH RELATIONS

ABOUT: This section contains parish/mission and priest files documenting the historical relationship between the Catholic Church and Native communities. These records provide context on missionary activities, community histories, and the clergy's interactions with Native communities.

Parish and Mission Files (1860s-1960s)

Description: A collection of files related to parishes and missions, compiled before the 1970s. The files included here in this guide are for parishes and missions that were near or served Native American populations in some manner.

Arrangement: Alphabetical order, by city, then by parish or mission name.

Relevance and Potential Uses: Parish and mission files provide important background for research on tribal communities within the Archdiocese. The records can shed light on the cultural and religious interactions between Native communities and the Catholic Church, documenting the Church's engagement with Indigenous populations and reservation life. They preserve stories and perspectives often absent from other historical sources, offering a unique view on the Church's perception of Native communities and the priorities it placed on their needs.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cultural interactions, parish life.

Types of Records Included: Newspaper clippings, correspondence, memorabilia.

See also: **Bishops Files** for modern parish files (post 1960s).

Inventory:

Series Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Burlington	St. Charles	Correspondence	1916-1979	17	1	See also: La Conner, Swinomish
Chehalis	St. Joseph	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1890-1950	21	3	Includes name change letter (2/25/44)
Chinook Point	Stellamaris Mission	Historical	[undated]	21	10	See Rev. L. Lionnet file below.
Coupeville	St. Mary	Clippings		22		Erection of Cross; Anniversary
Coupeville	St. Mary	Correspondence	1854-1970	22	6	
Coupeville	St. Mary	Historical	[undated]	22	7	Rev. John B. Bolduc; Skagit Tribe; Clallam Tribe; Catholic Ladder
Ferndale	St. Joseph	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1900-1949	32	3	See also: Lummi
Ferndale	St. Joseph	Correspondence - Vol. 2	1950-1962	32	4	
Ferndale	St. Joseph	Correspondence - Vol. 3	1968-1979	32	5	
Forks	St. Anne	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1910-1916	34	5	Neah Bay Tribes; Makah; Quileute
Forks	St. Anne	Correspondence - Vol. 2	1915-1979	34	6	Neah Bay Tribes; Makah; Quileute
Forks	St. Anne	Historical	[undated]	34	7	See also: Our Lady Queen of Angels, Port Angeles
La Conner	Sacred Heart	Clippings	1893-1973	45	1	See also: Burlington; Mount Vernon; Swinomish
La Conner	Sacred Heart	Correspondence	1901-1970	45	2	See also: Burlington; Mount Vernon; Swinomish
La Conner	Sacred Heart	Historical	[undated]	45	3	Also has information on: Burlington, Mount Vernon, Swinomish
Lummi Reservation	St. Joachim	Clippings	1960-1966	47	2	Mission of St. Joseph, Ferndale. Includes Rev. Chirouse
Lummi Reservation	St. Joachim	Correspondence	1878-1967	47	3	
Lummi Reservation	St. Joachim	Historical	[undated]	47	4	Centennial

Lummi Reservation	St. Joachim	Memorabilia	[undated]	47	5	
Lummi Reservation	St. Joachim	Memorabilia: Cloth map	[undated]	47	6	
Marysville	St. Mary	Clippings	1930-1968	49	1	See: Tulalip – St. Anne
Marysville	St. Mary	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1902-1939	49	3	
Marysville	St. Mary	Historical	[undated]	49	5	
Muckleshoot	St. Clare Mission	Clippings	1961-1970	55	1	Abandoned; land gifted to Tribe in 1970
Muckleshoot	St. Clare Mission	Correspondence	1936-1970	55	2	
Muckleshoot	St. Clare Mission	Historical	[undated]	55	3	Includes 1942 questionnaire
Nisqually Reservation	St. Anthony	Historical	1891-1919	55	10	Priest's Point Mission; Old Priest's Point file calls this St. Joseph
Omak	St. Mary Mission	Clippings	1913-1926	60	1	Now part of the Diocese of Yakima. Historical clipping from the Oregonian; Rev. De Rouge, S.J.; Fort Okanogan
Omak	St. Mary Mission	Correspondence	[undated]	60	2	Now part of the Diocese of Yakima. Map of Okanagan Co. locating the mission (undated)
Port Townsend	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1857-1929	65	3	Bishop Blanchet; Rev. Prefontaine. 1878 list of Catholics at Skagit River, La Conner, and Utsalady,
Quinault	Our Lady of the Olympics	Clippings	[undated]	68	1	Mission of Our Lady of Good Help, Hoquiam
Quinault	Our Lady of the Olympics	Correspondence	1936-1951; 1975-1979; 1981	68	2	Requests for a priest; 1970s travelling priest; Native Americans
Snohomish	St. Michael	Correspondence	1867-1979	128	7	Only brief mentions. Includes a narrative from Omak Priest entitled “the Conversion of the Suiattle Indians” from 1914.
Steilacoom	Immaculate Conception	Correspondence	1849-1974	131	4	Only brief mentions. Includes an 1878 report on the population of Catholics at Nisqually and Puyallup reservations.

Steilacoom	Immaculate Conception	Historical	[undated]	131	5	Only brief mentions.
Suquamish	St. Peter	Clippings	1934, 1956	132	11	Mission of St. Olaf, Poulsbo
Suquamish	St. Peter	Construction	1952-1969	132	12	
Suquamish	St. Peter	Correspondence	1915-1975	132	13	
Suquamish	St. Peter	Historical	[undated]	133	1	
Swinomish	St. Paul	Clippings	1968	133	2	See also: St. Paul, La Conner
Swinomish	St. Paul	Correspondence	1878-1979	133	3	
Swinomish	St. Paul	Publications	1867	133	4	
Tacoma	St. Leo	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1883-1937	144	3	Only brief mention of "Cushman Indian School," Jesuits, and the Puyallup reservation.
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Clippings	[undated]	150	8	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Construction	1901-1962	150	9	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Correspondence - Vol. 1	1857-1937	150	10	Rev. Hylebos
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Correspondence - Vol. 2	1859	150	11	Animal sales
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Correspondence - Vol. 3	1862-1923	150	12	See also: Clippings, Plamondon. [Plamondon, Simon - Indian Agent]
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Correspondence - Vol. 4	1876-1878	150	13	Dispute over Carmby Road at Cowlitz between Hylebos and Howe
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Correspondence - Vol. 5	1942-1962	151	1	

Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Correspondence - Vol. 6	1965-1979	151	2	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Historical	[undated]	151	3	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Insurance	1964-1972	151	4	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Memorabilia	[undated]	151	5	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Property - Vol. 1	1858-1873	151	6	Plamondon, Simon; Native American Mission; Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Property - Vol. 2	1880-1889	151	7	
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Property - Vol. 3	1891-1899	151	8	Rev. N. Frei; Joseph Poetsch (land agent)
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Property - Vol. 4	1900-1904	151	9	Joseph Poetsch (land agent); George Raupp
Toledo (Previously Cowlitz Prairie)	St. Francis Xavier	Publications	[undated]	151	10	
Tulalip Reservation	St. Anne	Clippings	1957	152	1	Mission of Marysville – St. Mary
Tulalip Reservation	St. Anne	Construction	1958-1966	152	2	
Tulalip Reservation	St. Anne	Correspondence	1896-1979	152	3	Rev. Chirouse
Tulalip Reservation	St. Anne	Historical	[undated]	152	4	
Yakima	St. Joseph Mission	Mission Land Claim - Vol. 1	1862-1894	160	12	at Ahtanum

Yakima	St. Joseph Mission	Mission Land Claim - Vol. 2	1895-1903	160	13	
Yakima	St. Joseph Mission	Correspondence	1854-1877	160	14	Yakamas (Pink slip on cover read Yakima - Ahtanum Vol. A-IV). Includes Pandosy report re: Yakamas.

Native American Subject Files (1860s-1970s)

Description: Materials gathered over time from various sources, rather than through focused collecting. These files include clippings, correspondence, mission reports, secondary sources (e.g., booklets and scholarly articles), and language publications related to Native Americans across the state. Many tribes are represented, and most of the materials date to before 1900.

How Organized: Organized by types of records (e.g., clippings, correspondence), then by subject area, and if applicable, by date.

Relevance and Potential Uses: This section contains valuable correspondence and other materials offering insights into Native American history, policy, and education in the Northwest. Key highlights include:

- **Tribal and Educational Issues**: Correspondence discusses tribes statewide, covering Indian agents, education policies, and individual enrollment requests for St. George Indian School, complementing boarding school records.
- **Missionary Work**: Files include Jesuit mission activities in the Northwest, French Propagation of the Faith reports, and general references on Native American policy and missionary efforts.
- **Native Language Materials**: Resources like Chinook Jargon dictionaries, catechisms, and prayer books in Yakama, Kalispell, Snohomish, and Okanogan.
- **Historical Events**: Accounts of the 1847 Whitman Massacre from Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cemeteries, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence, reports, dictionaries and Native Language materials, printed pamphlets, and clippings.

See also:

- **Diocesan Priests** – Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet for more information on the Whitman Massacre.

- **Religious Priests** for more information about the Jesuits in the diocese.
- **Boarding School Records** for more information about education.

Inventory:

Series Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	Chief Seattle	1926-1938	18	1	
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	Chinook Jargon	1907	18	2	
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	Cowichan. British Columbia.	1929	18	3	
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	General	1891-1969	18	4	Yakama War; Cayuse War; Lummi
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	Mission Churches	1962	18	5	Muckleshoot
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	"The Plight of Our Indians," *Seattle Post Intelligencer*, Robert Browning in 6 parts.	circa 1964	18	6	
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	Swinomish - includes *Catholic Northwest Progress* Profile, 1968	1937, 1968	18	7	
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	"War on Poverty Sheds Sad Facts on Non-Deserving Poor," Edward Beech letter to editor, *Catholic Northwest Progress*, 1966 + response.	1966	18	8	
Native American Subject Files	Clippings	White River Massacre [1855]	1923	18	9	Leschi
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	“Abuses of Whites Against Indians”	1860	18	10	Rev. Toussant Mesplié
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Blanchet, Bishop A.M.A. - translations/transcriptions of correspondence (1867-1879) by Rev. J. Delannoy	undated	18	11	
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Cayuse War [c. 1847-1855]	1848	18	12	

Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Diocese of Great Falls, Montana	1962-1963	18	13	
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Education I	1861	18	14	Orphan Asylum Association; Vancouver; Sisters of Providence; Vancouver School;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Education II	1861-1862	18	15	Secretary of the Interior; Rev. Brouillet; Religious Freedom;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Education III	1862	18	16	Rev. Brouillet; Reservation Schools; Vancouver School; Oregon
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Education VI	1934-1963	18	17	Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; Catholic Schools; Department of the Interior;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Indian Agents	1857-1881	18	18	Geary; McKenny; Wilbur; Bishop A.M.A Blanchet; Ewing; Rev. Brouillet; McGlinn; Lust
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	“Indian Center,” Seattle	1960-1971	18	19	“American Indian Women's Service League, Inc.”; fishing rights
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Letter from Rev. Garrand to Bishop Jünger about Chief Ignace	1886	18	20	Chief Ignace
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	National Congress of American Indians	1969	18	21	Swinomish
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	"Relatio Status Ecclesiae Nesqualliensis in Statu Washington Statum Foederatarum Americae Septemtris" - Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith	circa 1905	18	22	Cardinal Gotti
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Requests	1969-1977	18	23	St. George Indian School; Skokomish; Cayuse;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Seattle, Chief	1926-1935, 1969	18	24	Baptism of Chief Seattle. See Early Missionary Sacramental Records

Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Shakers - Religious sect	1915	18	25	Wenatchee; Tulalip; Nez Perce; Whitman Massacre; Sisters of Providence; Quileute; Quinault;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Treaties - U.S. Government and Native Americans. Includes: Quinault and Quileute; Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians in Middle Oregon; Makah; hand copied Flathead Indians.	1853-1859	18	26	
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Colville	1867-1956	18	27	Rev. J. Joset, SJ; Sacramental Statistics; Okanogan; Yakama; Spokanes;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Duwamish	undated	18	28	Proposed School; Sisters of Providence; Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - General	1855-1900	18	29	Methodists; Grand Rhonde; Cayuse; Umatilla; Tulalip;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - General II	1912-1969	18	30	St. George Indian School report; The Indian Association of America; Clallam County; Marriage; Dr. Barnabus Skiuhushu; Skagits; Whitbey and Guemes Island Burials (Chief Goliath); Rev. John J. Brown (Blackfoot); Allocations for Missions;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes – Ktatash. Census of Catholic Ktatash	1868	18	31	Rev. Louis St. Onge, SJ
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Lummi	1911-1966	18	32	Complaint about a Northwest Progress article (1966); St. Joachim Centenary Booklet;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Makah - translated letter of Bishop A.M.A Blanchet	undated	18	33	Education
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Makah - Neah Bay	1937-1939	18	34	Presbyterians; Shakers; Possible mission at Neah Bay;

Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Nisqually	1933	18	35	Inquiry about a church on the reservation (St. Anthony?)
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Puyallup	1966	18	36	Request about August Jack
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Puyallup - Gethsemane Cemetery Issue	1979-2002	19	1	St. George Indian School; Site Inventory and Assessment
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Skokomish	1930, 1970	19	2	Rev. Goveart; Genealogy request
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Snohomish	1952-1972	19	3	
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Suquamish	1945	19	4	
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Swinomish. Also includes translation/transcription of Rev. Chirouse letters	1937-1972	19	5	Proposed hospital 1937
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Tulalip I	1862-1890	19	6	Rev. Brouillet; education; letter from 1862 from the government giving the Oblates control over the school; Swinomish; Bishop Junger;
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Tulalip II		19	7	History of St. Anne, Tulalip questions answered by older parishioners; Bishop O'Dea; Rev. Goveart; Education; Tulalip Indian Agency
Native American Subject Files	Correspondence	Tribes - Yakama	1934-1964	19	8	St. George Indian School; enrollment requests; Yakima Indian Agency; Rev. Goveart
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - Colville	1855-1868	19	9	Rev. Joset; Rev. Congiato; Rev. Guidi; Kettle Falls
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - Coeur d'Alene. Includes "History of the Coeur d'Alene Mission" booklet.	1850, 1860	19	10	Sacred Heart Mission
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - Gazzoli, Giorda, Accolti, Congiato, S.J.	1846-1861	19	11	Rev. Gazzoli, SJ; Rev. Giorda, SJ; Rev. Accolti, SJ; Rev. Congiato, SJ; Colville; Coeur

						d'Alenes; Pend d'Oreilles; Rev. Pandosy, OMI
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - Grassi, S.J., Rev. Urban	1868-1873	19	12	Wenatchee; Chief Patoi; Mr. Wells, Indian Agent;
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - Joset, S.J., Rev. J.	1850	19	13	Superior of the Jesuits after De Smet; Pend d'Oreilles; Tete Platte (Flat Heads); Coeur d'Alenes; Kalispels; Spokanes; Okanagans; Nez Perces;
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - de Rouge, S.J., Rev. E.	1915-1923	19	14	Sauk River; Shakers; Swinomish; Sauk-Suiattle [possibly]; St. George Indian School; Taholah; Quinault;
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - Nez Perces and Yakamas	1863	19	15	Rev. Fronda, SJ
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Jesuit Correspondence - St. Michael, Spokane	1867	19	16	Rev. Grassi, SJ; Rev. Cataldo, SJ
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Mission Reports - General I	1865-1877	19	17	Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Mission Reports - General II	1899, 1903-1905	19	18	Education; St. George Indian School; Colville; Our Lady of Seven Dolors School (Tulalip);
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Mission Reports - General III	circa 1922	19	19	St. George Indian School; Report to W.F. Dickens, Superintendent of Tulalip Indian Agency re: mission in 1922; Bishop O'Dea
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Mission Reports - General IV	1933	19	20	Mission counts and status
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Mission Reports - General V	1947-1948	19	21	Formal mission reports; Baptism counts; Education
Native American Subject Files	Missions	Mission Reports - Names of the Principal Tribes that Live in the Oregon Diocese. Found in Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet's account book, 1846-1859.	circa 1850s	19	22	

Native American Subject Files	Whitman Massacre	Clippings	1883-1936	19	23	
Native American Subject Files	Whitman Massacre	Correspondence - Blanchet, Bishop A. M. A. correspondence (1847-1879) transcribed/translated by Rev. Delannoy	undated	19	24	
Native American Subject Files	Whitman Massacre	Correspondence - Blanchet, Bishop A. M. A. to unknown. Four letters regarding the Whitman Massacre	1847-1849	19	25	
Native American Subject Files	Whitman Massacre	Correspondence - General	1871	19	26	H. H. Spalding; Thomas MacKay; J. B. Gervais; Rev. J. B. A. Brouillet; R. J. Lockwood
Native American Subject Files	Whitman Massacre	Correspondence - Pastoral letter from Archbishop F. N. Blanchet regarding the Whitman Massacre	1847	19	27	Rev. Bolduc
Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*Alphabet yakama, contenant les prières, les cantiques et le catéchisme dans la même langue: à l'usage des enfants de la tribu des Yakamas sous le patronage des R.R.P.P. jésuites.* Rev. L.N. St. Onge. Montreal: Providence, 1872.	1872	21	16	Yakama
Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*A.M.D.G. I Smemeies, I Nkaumen I Snkuenzin L Okenakan Nkolkoeltens Preces in Linguam Indorum Okenakan Versae P. De Rougé, S.J.*	undated	21	17	Okanagan
Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*Dictionary of the Chinook Jargon, or Indian Trade Language of the North Pacific Coast.* Victoria, B.C.: T.N. Hibben & Co., printers, 1883.	1883	21	18	Might be earliest edition
Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*Dictionary of the Chinook Jargon, to which is added Numerous Conversations thereby enabling any person to speak the Chinook Correctly.* Archbishop F. N. Blanchet. Portland, OR: S.J. McCormick, 1862.	1862	21	19	

Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*The Missionary's Companion on the Pacific Coast: Chinook Dictionary, Catechism, Prayers and Hymns. Composed in 1838 & 1839 by Rt. Rev. Modeste Demers. Revised, corrected, and completed in 1867 by Most Rev. F.N. Blanchet. With modifications and additions by Rev. L. N. St. Onge Missionary among the Yakimas and Other Indian Tribes. Montreal, 1871.*	1871	21	20	
Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*Prayer Book and Catechism in the Snohomish Language.* Compiled by Rev. J.B. Boulet. Tulip, WA: Tulalip Mission Press, 1879.	1879	21	21	Snohomish
Pamphlets	Native American Dictionaries and Language Materials	*Skmiimii Eu Tel Kaimintis Kolinzuten: Narratives from the Holy Scripture in Kalispel.* Montana, St. Ignatius Press, 1876.	1876	21	22	Kalispel
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Address to the Catholic Clergy of the Province of Oregon, to the Catholics of the United States, on President Grant's Indian Policy, in its Bearings upon Catholic Interests at Large.* Portland, Oregon: Catholic Sentinel Publication Company, 1874.	1874	22	1	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Annales de la Propagation de la Foi*. (Annals of the Propagation of the Faith). Paris: Bureau de l'Oevre, 1854, 1856. In French.	1854, 1856	22	2	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Annales de la Propagation de la Foi*. (Annals of the Propagation of the Faith). Paris: Bureau de l'Oevre, 1857. In French.	1857	22	3	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Annales de la Propagation de la Foi.* (Annals of the Propagation of the Faith). Paris: Bureau de l'Oevre, 1860, 1863. In French.	1860, 1863	22	4	FRENCH; Rev. D'Herbomez; Rev. M. Paul Durieu

Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Annales de la Propagation de la Foi.* Washington DC: Missions Indiennes Catholiques, 1878. (Annals of the Propagation of the Faith). Baltimore: Propagation of the Faith, 1864.	1864, 1878	22	5	FRENCH; 1864 Edition is in English.
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Annals of the Catholic Indian Mission of America.* Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, January 1877, January 1878, and January 1879. Multiple copies.	1877, 1878, 1879	22	6	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*A Brief Sketch of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. Lowell, MA: Harrington Brothers, 1888.	1888	22	7	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Catholic Education and the Indian.* Mother M. Agatha. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 1942.	1942	22	8	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Circular of the Catholic Commissioner for Indian Missions, to the Catholics of the United States*. Baltimore: John Murphy & Co., 1874.	1874	22	9	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Indian Affairs.* Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet. 1870.	1870	22	10	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*The Indian Sentinel*, vol 1. no. VII. Washington, DC: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 1918; The *Tulalip Bulletin* newspaper clipping.	Jan-18	22	11	Rev. Chirouse, OMI
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*A Jesuit in the War Against the Northern Indians,* R. Ignatius Burns, S.J. Philadelphia: American Catholic Historical Society, 1950.	1950	22	12	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*The Key to the Catholic Ladder Containing a Sketch of the Christian Religion and Universal History Useful to All with Authorization of the Archbishop of Oregon City,* Archbishop F. N.	1859	22	13	

		Blanchet. New York: T. W. Strong, Printer 98 Nassau Street, 1859.				
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	"Lecture." Very Rev. J. B. A. Brouillet.	circa 1877	22	14	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Letter of Archbishop Blanchet to Hon. John Eaton, Commissioner of Education, Etc., Washington, D.C.* Archbishop F. N. Blanchet.	after 1877 December 10	22	15	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Manual of Catholic Indian Missionary Associations.* 1876.	1876	22	16	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Mémoire Présenté Á la Sacrée Congregation de la Propagande sur les Missions Indiennes Aux Etats-Unis et sur le Bureau Catholique établi pour les protéger* (Submission to the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda on Indian Missions in the United States and the Catholic Office established to protect). Rome: Impimerie de la Propagande, 1878. In French.	1878	22	17	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Missionary Labors of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate*. Seattle: Lowman & Hanford Co., undated.	undated	22	18	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Official Construction of President Grant's Indian Peace Policy.* circa 1876.	circa 1876	22	19	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*The Old Mission Church of the Coeur d'Alene Indians.* Spokane: Gonzaga College Press, undated.	undated	22	20	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Petition of the Catholic Church in Behalf of the Pueblos and Other Indians of New Mexico.* Washington DC: S & R. O. Polkinhorn, Printers, 1874.	1874	22	21	

Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Rapport de L'Association de la Propagation de la Foi, Etablie a Montreal, en vertu d'un Indult du Saint Siege* (Report of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, based in Montreal, under an Indult from the Holy See). Montreal: L'Association de la Propagation de la Foi, 1839, 1840. In French.	1839, 1840	22	22	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Rapport de L'Association de la Propagation de la Foi, Etablie a Montreal, en vertu d'un Indult du Saint Siege* (Report of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, based in Montreal, under an Indult from the Holy See). Montreal: Bureau des Mélanges Religieux, 1841, 1843. In French.	1841, 1843	22	23	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Rapport de L'Association de la Propagation de la Foi pour le District de Montréal* (Report of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith for the District of Montreal). Montreal: Des Presses de Plinguet & Cie, 1859. In French.	1859	22	24	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Rapport sur les Missions du Québec* (Report on the Missions of Québec). Québec: Chez Fréchette et Frêre, 1847, 1851. In French.	1847, 1851	23	1	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Rapport sur les Missions du Québec* (Report on the Missions of Québec). Québec: Des Ateliers de J. T. Brousseau, 1857, 1861). In French.	1857, 1861	23	2	FRENCH
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Rapport sur les Missions du Québec* (Report on the Missions of Québec). Québec: Des Ateliers des Leger Brousseau, 1863, 1866. In French.	1863, 1866	23	3	FRENCH

Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Report of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for the Year Ending October 1, 1899.*	circa 1899	23	4	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Sagra Congregazione di Propaganda Fide Ponente - L'Emo e Rmo Sig. Cardinale - Pietro Ostini - Ristretto con Nota d'Archivio - Sulle provvidenze d'adottarsi per il prospero reggimento degli affari Ecclesiastici nell' Oregon* (Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda of the Faith West – Most Reverend Mr. Cardinal Pietro Ostuni – Condensed with Note from the Archives - On the providences to adopt for the prosperous regiment from Ecclesiastical Affairs in Oregon). In Italian.	April 1846	23	5	ITALIAN
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Status of the Catholic Indian Missions in the United States, 1876*. Baltimore: John Murphy & Co., 1874.	1874	23	6	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Three Articles on the Threat to American Indians.* Lee Metcalf, M. C., George Engstrom and Sister Providencia, and James J. Flaherty. Reprinted from *Social Order*.	circa 1954	23	7	
Pamphlets	Native American Missions	*Work of the Catholic Indian Missions of the United States of America," Most Rev. James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore (1879 October 9)*. Washington, DC: 1879.	1879 October 9	23	8	
Clippings	Clippings Volumes	*Volume X*	1876	4	4	Pg. 25 and 52. List of Missions and Schools on reservations.

Diocesan Priest Files (1847-1983)

Description: Contains the biographical and correspondence files of priests under the authority of the Archdiocese of Seattle (formerly the Diocese of Nesqually). It does not include priests from religious orders, such as the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who were supervised by their own superiors (for those, see *Religious Orders* in the next section). The priests listed below are highlighted because they were closely involved with Native missions and schools during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

- **Rev. Charles DeDecker:** The first Superintendent of St. George Indian School near Federal Way, Washington.
- **Rev. J. Govaert:** Succeeded Rev. DeDecker as Superintendent of St. George Indian School.
- **Rev. J. B. A. Brouillet:** Vicar General of the Diocese, instrumental in founding St. Ann Mission on the Umatilla and serving as Indian Agent to the Tulalip Reservation. He also co-founded the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and played a key role after the Whitman Massacre.
- **Rev. J. B. Boulet**: Associated with missions north of Seattle, including St. Joachim on the Lummi Reservation and St. Anne on the Tulalip Reservation, focusing on Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties**.**
- **Rev. F. X. Prefontaine**: Assigned to Steilacoom, he ministered to Native peoples throughout the Salish Sea (Puget Sound) region. He later founded Our Lady of Good Help in Seattle, playing a pivotal role in establishing early Catholicism in the city.

How Organized: Files are arranged alphabetically by last name of priest name and then by type of record.

Relevance and Potential Uses: These files provide context on the work and perspectives of diocesan priests who ministered to Native communities, including those who served as superintendents of St. George Indian School and the boarding schools in Tulalip. Notably, Rev. J. B. Boulet's files include *Good Tidings*, a newsletter documenting missionary efforts north of Seattle at the turn of the 19th century. Additionally, Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet's files provide background on the Whitman Massacre, complementing related materials in the Native American Subject files.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, priests, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Biographical materials, correspondence, clippings, reports, and publications.

See also:

- **Religious Priest Files** for information about priests who were part of a religious order.
- **Boarding Schools** for more information on Revs. Hylebos, DeDecker, and Govaert, who were associated with the "St. George Indian School."

- **Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission Records** (at Marquette University) for more information on Rev. Brouillet's involvement in the founding and establishment of this organization.
- **Native American Subject Files** for more information on the Whitman Massacre and Rev. Brouillet's involvement.

Inventory:

File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Brouillet, J.B.A.	Correspondence (2)	1860-1863	6a	6	
Brouillet, J.B.A.	Faculties & Certificates	1847-1859	6a	9	
Brouillet, J.B.A.	Legal	1847-1855	6a	10	Joachin Tibeau
Brouillet, J.B.A.	MSS Books -- "Cahier des Lettres et Correspondences de J.B. Brouillet pendant son Administration du diocese de Nesqualy"	1851	6b	2	In French
Brouillet, J.B.A.	MSS Books -- Manuscript, Letters, Deposition re: Whitman Massacre	1848	6b	1	Whitman Massacre; Walla Walla; Indians. See Historical Publications and Reference Materials for more information.
Brouillet, J.B.A.	Publications	1853-1912	6a	11	Includes "Report of the Treasures of the Catholic Indian Mission fund" (1873-1876); "Management of the Catholic Indian Bureau of Washington" (1878); "Work of the Catholic Indian Missions of the United States of America" (1879); "True Account of the Whitman Murder" (1912); "Protestantism in Oregon, Account of the Murder of Dr. Whitman" (New York, 1853).
Boulet, J.B.	Clippings	1911	4	1	See also: RG 700 Ferndale, St. Joseph
Boulet, J.B.	Historical/Biographical	[undated]	4	2	
Boulet, J.B.	Memorabilia	1911; 1919	4	3	
Boulet, J.B.	Personnel	1899-1939	4	4	
Boulet, J.B.	Publications (1)	1906-1914	4	5	Good Tidings: Vol. 1-10
Boulet, J.B.	Publications (2)	1906-1907	4	6	Good Tidings: Vol. 1-2
Boulet, J.B.	Publications (3)	[undated]	4	7	Good Tidings: Vol. 3-5
Boulet, J.B.	Publications (4)	[undated]	4	8	Good Tidings: Vol. 6-7

Boulet, J.B.	Publications (5)	[undated]	4	9	Good Tidings: Vol. 8
Boulet, J.B.	Publications (6)	[undated]	4	10	Good Tidings: Vol. 9
DeDecker, Charles S.	Clippings	[undated]	13	1	
DeDecker, Charles S.	Correspondence	[undated]	13	2	
Govaert, John M.	Clippings	1923-1945	21	1	
Govaert, John M.	Personnel	1921-1945	21	2	Includes information on St. George Indian School
Hylebos, Peter	Clippings	1910-1939	25	1	
Hylebos, Peter	Correspondence	1918-1975	25	2	
Lionnet, L.	Correspondence	1847-1850	29	3	Chinooks, Stellamaris Mission at Chinook Point
Prefontaine, F.X.	Clippings (1)	1906-1966	45	1	
Prefontaine, F.X.	Clippings (2)	1905-1963	45	2	
Prefontaine, F.X.	Correspondence	1863-1909	45	3	
Prefontaine, F.X.	Publications (1)	1899-1983	45	4	
Prefontaine, F.X.	Publications (2)	1908	45	5	Life Sketch of Monsignor F. X. Prefontaine

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Religious Order Priest Files (1849-1880)

Description: These records highlight the work of *religious priests*—ordained members of religious orders unattached to a specific diocese. In 19th-century Washington State, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits, SJ) were the primary missionary orders. The Oblates were especially active in Western Washington Territory during this period. Key religious order priests during this time included the following:

- **Rev. Pascal Ricard, OMI**: Superior of the Oblates (1848–1857), based at St. Joseph of Newmarket mission at Priest Point near Olympia and modern Tumwater.
- **Rev. E. C. Chirouse, OMI**: Founded St. Anne Mission among the Cayuse/Umatilla and later St. Ann Mission and School at Tulalip; served as an Indian Agent during the 1870s.
- **Rev. L. J. D'Herbomez, OMI**: Succeeded Ricard as superior in 1857, active across Washington, and later became the Vicar Apostolic of British Columbia.

- **Rev. P. Durieu, OMI**: Ministered to the Yakamas in the 1850s and became the first Bishop of New Westminster.
- **Rev. C. Pandosy, OMI**: Established missions for the Yakamas, including St. Joseph on Ahtanum Creek and Immaculate Conception Mission on the Mnassatas River.
- **Rev. Pierre Richard, OMI**: Built St. Rose of Lima Mission in Walla Walla, distinct from Rev. Pascal Ricard, OMI.
- **Rev. J. M. Cataldo, SJ**: Worked among the Nez Perces and Yakamas after the Oblates left for Canada in 1878; later became Superior of the Jesuits' Rocky Mountain Missions.
- **Rev. J. Giorda, SJ**: Active in Eastern Washington, Montana, and Idaho during the 1860s–1870s.

How Organized: Organized alphabetically by name of religious order, then by last name of priest. There are more general correspondence files included in this section as well.

Relevance and Potential Uses: Offers valuable insights into early Catholic missionary work with Native communities in Washington Territory, especially through the correspondence of Oblate priests like Ricard, Pandosy, and Chirouse. It documents key events such as the Catholic response to the Yakima War (1855–1858) and describes the strategies and challenges of missionary efforts.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, religious orders, tribal/Church relations, cultural interactions. Much of the material is written in French.

Types of Records Included: Personnel documents, clippings, correspondence, and legal documents.

See also:

- **Native American Subject Files** for additional Jesuit correspondence and mission reports.
- **Property Records** for Mission claims.
- **Other Dioceses** for more information on the Jesuits in Spokane.
- **Further information** for more information on the Jesuit and Oblate orders.

Inventory:

Religious Order	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Historical: Correspondence/ Delannoy notes	1851-1880	23	4	Rev. C. Chirouse, OMI; St. Ann Mission, Tulalip; Blanchet, AMA; Cayuse; Yakama Mission; Bishop L. J. D'Herbomez, OMI
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Legal Documents	1862-	22	2	Includes Bishop L. J. D'Herbomez, OMI - Correspondence. See also: Corres. Gen. Vol I, Oblates 840, contract between Bp. Blanchet and Oblates
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Correspondence (1)	1852-1853	22	3	Pope Pius IX to Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet; contains contract; extracts of correspondence; OMI accusations against the Bishop
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Chirouse, E.C. (Clippings): Personnel	[undated]	23	8	
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Chirouse, E.C. (Correspondence): Personnel	1852-1878	23	9	
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Chirouse, E.C. (Correspondence) (Photocopies): Personnel	1855-1878	23	10	
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Chirouse, E.C. (Historical): Personnel	[undated]	24	1	

Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	D'Herbomez, L.J. (Correspondence): Personnel	[undated]	24	3	
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Durieu, P. (Correspondence): Personnel	1855-1871	24	4	
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Pandosy, C. (Correspondence): Personnel	1849-1855	24	6	Includes notes from Rev. J. Dellanoy circa early 1900s.
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Ricard, Pascal (Correspondence): Personnel	1849-1856	24	7	Includes correspondence with Bishops A.M.A. Blanchet; Pavelli, Antoine, SJ; Brouillet; Durieu; Birmond; Brondel; Chirouse, OMI; Pandosy, OMI; Jayol, OMI; Gervais; D'Herbomez, OMI; Richard, OMI. Contains House bill re: foreigners acting as teachers among Native Americans. Contains original and typescripts, French/ English.
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Ricard, Pascal (Correspondence): Personnel	1849-1856	24	8	Typescripts
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Ricard, Pascal (Correspondence): Personnel	[undated]	24	9	
Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)	Richard, Pierre (Correspondence): Personnel	-1872	24	10	French; Muckleshoot; Protestant
Jesuits (S.J.)	Correspondence - - Cataldo, J.M. letters	1868, 1878, 1879	15	6	
Jesuits (S.J.)	Correspondence - - Rev. Giorda letters; cover read Vol. B-V	1862-1863	15	7	

Women Religious Records (1852-1973)

Description: Provides some documentation of the role of orders of women religious (nuns) in Native American education. Includes records of the Sisters of Providence**,** who served at Our Lady of Seven Dolors School in Tulalip and St. Anne School after it transitioned away from Oblate administration, as well as at St. Joseph Academy in Yakima and Vancouver Academy, both of which had some Indigenous students. The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia are also included for their role as faculty and staff at St. George Indian School. The correspondence, primarily between the superiors of these orders and leaders of the Diocese of Seattle, gives a view into the administration, challenges, and relationships that shaped their work.

Relevance and Potential Uses: This collection is a resource for understanding Native education, and cultural interactions with the Catholic Church. Of particular interest is a list of orphans from the Sisters of Providence that includes some Native children. While day-to-day administrative records are kept in the orders' own archives (see Further Contact Information at the end of this guide), the included correspondence and financial reports reveal the broader operations and priorities of these religious orders.

How Organized: Arranged alphabetically by name of religious order and then chronologically within each record type.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, tribal-Church relations, religious orders, and cultural interactions.

Types of Records: Correspondence and financial reports, primarily between the orders' superiors and diocesan leaders.

See also:

- **Parish and Mission Files** for more information about St. Anne mission, Tulalip in general.
- **Religious Priest Files** for more information about Rev. Chirouse, who was instrumental in the development of Our Lady of Seven Dolors school at Tulalip.
- **Diocesan Priests Files** for more information on Revs. Hylebos, Goveart, and DeDecker who ran the St. George Indian School and Rev. Boulet who was related to Our Lady of Seven Dolors school at Tulalip.
- **Boarding Schools** for more administration and student enrollment records from St. George Indian school.
- **Native American Subject Files** for correspondence related to the Tulalip boarding schools and education.

Inventory:

Name of Order	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Sisters of Providence	Correspondence Vol. I	1852-1918	75	3	Includes a list of 1860 orphans, mentions Native Americans.
Sisters of Providence	Financial: Annual Reports-St. Joseph's Academy, Yakama Vol. XII	1941-1950	79	13	
Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia	Correspondence	1889-1957, 1973	84	17	

Early Bishops' Letter Books (1846-1901)

Description: Ledgers of handwritten correspondence of the early Bishops of Nesqually, primarily Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet, with additional letters from Bishop Aegidius Junger and Bishop Edward J. O'Dea. Most are written in French and cover a wide range of diocesan activities, including the planning and administration of Native missionary efforts throughout the state. Volume 3 includes letters related to the Whitman Massacre, while Volumes 7 and 12 provide statistics on Native missions from the 1850s–1870s. Volume 12 also discusses Our Lady of Seven Dolors school at Tulalip and plans for a potential school on the Makah Reservation.

How Organized: Letters are recorded chronologically within bound books.

Relevance and Potential Uses: While most letters relate to general administration of the diocese and not specifically to Native Americans, they provide context for understanding missionary efforts throughout the state. Tribes and peoples referenced in each volume are noted in the following inventory for easy access. Of particular interest, Volume 3 includes letters regarding the Whitman Massacre, while Volumes 7 and 12 contain statistics on Native American missions from the 1850s–1870s. Volume 12 also features correspondence about Our Lady of Seven Dolors school for girls at Tulalip and plans for a potential school on the Makah Reservation. Volume 8 contains information about Bishop Blanchet's travels in Mexico and is not included in this guide. Volume 9 and 11 contain liturgical instructions and are also not included here.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, bishops, education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence and reports in register form.

See also:

- **Diocesan Priest Files** for potential correspondence with the Bishops.
- **Religious Priest Files** for potential correspondence with the Bishops.
- **Native American Subject Files** for records from A.M.A Blanchet related to the Whitman Massacre.
- **Bishops' Files** for more recent program, project, and subject files.

Inventory:

Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Vol. 2 "Letters of AMA Blanchet. Bp. Of Walla Walla / Nesqually	1846-1860	1	2	FRENCH. Subjects: Rev. Richard, OMI mission in Olympia; St. Rose mission, Yakama; learning Native languages; Walla Walla; Council of the Propagation of the Faith; Whitman / Cayuse Massacre; mission work to Native Americans; Tribes requests for missionaries; "Superintendent of Indian Affairs"
Vol. 3 "Letters of AMA Blanchet Bp. Of Walla Walla / Nesqually	1846-1849	1	3	Mainly deals with Oregon Trail travel and Native Americans on the Plains. Sioux; Dr. Whitman; Dr. Spalding; Whitman Massacre; Flathead; Cayuse; Nez Percé; Yakama; Catholic Ladder; Spokanes; Walla Walla; Coeur d'Alene; Jesuits;
Vol. 4 "Register Authentique 1er Volume"	1846-1867	1	4	Placement of missionaries; Flatheads; Kalispels; Coeur d'Alenes; Kettles;
Vol. 5 "The Authentic Acts of the Bishops: Correspondance with Rome.	1846-1867	1	5	

Vol. 6 “Journal de l’Eveque de Walla Walla, depuis Montreal Capitale du Canada jusqu’a a Walla Walla	1846-1856	2	1	FRENCH. Translated into English by Edward J. Kowrach at “Journal of a Catholic Bishop on the Oregon Trail.” By Ye Gallion Press, 1978. Midwest tribes/peoples. Available in the Reading Room. Walla Walla; Dr. Whitman; Flatheads; Cayuse; Yakimas; Nez Percé.
Vol. 7 “Remarques sur les Missions du diocese de Walla Walla (1847-1873)		2	2	Contains stats and reports from the various Native American missions in the Diocese. Keywords: Jesuits; Sacred Heart, Coeur d’Alene; St. Ignace, Kalispel; Spokane; Pend d’Oreille; St. Joseph, Simcoe; St. Joseph, Ahtanum; St. Rose, Yakamas; St. Rose, Walla Walla; Immaculate Conception, Manastash; Oblates; St. Anne, Cayuse; St. Pierre, the Dales; Immaculate Conception, Steilacoom; Stella Maris, Chinook; St. James, Vancouver; St. Michael, Olympia; St. Anne, Snohomish; St. Joachim, Lummi; St. Croix, Semiahmoo; St. Peter, Suquamish; St. Francis Xavier, Cowlitz; St. Paul, Colville/Kettle Falls
Vol. 10 “Registre de la corporation de l’Eveque Catholique de Nesqualy	1861-1878	2	5	Property information re: missions. Only 8 pages.
Vol. 12 “Journal de l’Eveque de Nesqualy	1867-1879	2	7	This is an abstract of the letters received and sent. Lummi; Seattle; Black River; White River. Also, later statistics are similar to those missions listed above in Vol 7.
Vol. 13 “Registre – Correspondence du 1er l’Eveque de Nesqualy…	1867-1901	3	1	St. Joseph, Ahtanum; Our Lady of Seven Dolors School, Tulalip; Lummi Reservation; Yakima Missions; Makah Reservation school possibility; Mission claims; St. James, Vancouver; St. Ignace, Kalispel; Tulalip; Puyallup; Nisqually; Chehalis; Colville; St. Rose, Walla Walla; Immaculate Conception, Manastash; Suquamish; Rev. Chirouse’s departure and appeals for him to stay; FRENCH; ENGLISH
Vol. 14 “Registre 2me Volume”	(1867-1901)	3	2	Mainly circulars / officials to clergy. St. Anne, Tulalip. Oblates; Jesuits; St. Joseph, Ahtanum; Colville; St. Rose, Walla Walla; Lummi; Skagit; FRENCH, LATIN, and ENGLISH.

Photographs (1865-1998)

Description: Photographic prints of Native peoples and the parishes and missions that served them. Offers a visual record of Native missionization, education, and events.

How Organized: Arranged by record group (RG) number, city, and parish/mission, the photographs are described at the folder level rather than individually. All pertinent identification numbers (or ranges) are included in the first column. Perhaps the most comprehensive collection is a group of photographs that formed part of a 1968 article on the Swinomish tribe for the *Catholic Northwest Progress*.

Relevance and Potential Uses: Provides researchers with visual documentation of interactions between Native communities and the Catholic Church. Photographs of late 19th- and early 20th-century ceremonies, particularly at the Lummi and Swinomish Reservations, depict how religious practices were observed. Images from a 1968 *Catholic Northwest Progress* article on the Swinomish Reservation offer additional context on the Church's mid-20th-century engagement with Native communities.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, photographs, education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cultural interactions, events.

See also: **Parish and Mission Files** for ephemera and memorabilia, which might contain images.

Inventory of Photographs:

Catalog #	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
VR700.1216 - VR700.1217; VR700.1220 - VR700.1234	Lummi Reservation	St. Joachim	undated	N/A	700/079	17 Photographs
VR700.567 - VR700.589	Cowlitz Prairie	St. Francis Xavier	undated	N/A	700/036	24 Photographs
VR700.545 - VR700.554; VR700.1286 - VR700.1288	Coupeville	St. Mary	undated	N/A	700/034	13 Photographs

VR700.1518	Omak (Okanogan County)	St. Mary Mission	undated	N/A	700/098	1 Photographs
VR700.3748 - VR700.3758	Swinomish -- St. Paul (mission of La Conner)	St. Paul	1948 -	N/A	700/206	11 Photographs
VR700.4218 - VR700.4250; VR700.1218; VR700.4586	Tulalip Reservation	St. Anne	1865 - 1998	N/A	700/229	35 Photographs
VR1030.0018 VR1030-0020	Tacoma (Milton)	St. George Indian School	1971	N/A	1030/04	3 Photographs
VR1300.0012- VR1300.0026	Ethnic Groups – Native Americans	"Alexander Blockhouse'	Circa 1960s	N/A	1300/05	14 Photographs. Alexander Blockhouse ceremony on Whidbey Island.
VR1300.0027- VR1300.0035	Ethnic Groups – Native Americans	General	circa 1890s--1992	N/A	1300/06	8 Photographs. "George - Cowlitz Indian" circa 1890s; Ron Lauzon, Chairman of the Snoqualmie Tribe, 1992.
VR1300.0036- VR1300.0102	Ethnic Groups – Native Americans	Swinomish	1968	N/A	1300/07	66 Photographs. These photographs were part of a feature on the Swinomish for the Catholic Northwest Progress in 1968. Photographs of unnamed people as well as fishing scenes.
VR1300.0103- VR1300.0105	Ethnic Groups – Native Americans	War Memorial – Delanoy Collection	Circa 1890s	N/A	1300/08	3 Photographs. Two depict the Little Big Horn Memorial on the Crow Agency in MT. One photograph possibly of Fort Meade, SD.
VR840.0225- VR840.0231	Priests, Religious	Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate – Rev. Chirouse	Circa 1870s-1890s	N/A	840/18	7 Photographs.
VR840.0082- VR840.0083	Priests, Religious	Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate – Rev. Pandosy	Circa 1880s	N/A	840/19	2 Photographic Prints.

Newspaper Clippings (1900-2013)

Description: *The Catholic Northwest Progress* was the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Seattle from 1900 to 2013, and at times the official newspaper of the dioceses of Yakima and Spokane in Washington State, as well as the (then) Diocese of Alaska.

Arrangement: Organized by year and date.

Relevance and Potential Uses: This weekly publication captured the news of the diocese, including news and feature articles about Native American missions such as the those at Swinomish, Tulalip, Lummi, Muckleshoot, and St. George Indian School. The complete run of newspapers has been digitized by the Washington State Library, are fully keyword searchable, and can be found at washingtondigitalnewspapers.org. You can clip and export articles with additional saving functionality if you register with an account (Free).

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, newspapers, anniversaries, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Digitized Newspapers

See also: **Parish and Mission Files** for additional clippings from the *Catholic Northwest Progress* as well as other publications.

Records Related to Other Catholic Dioceses (1849-1960)

Description: Includes correspondence and subject files related to Native Americans between the Archdiocese of Seattle (and its predecessors) and neighboring Catholic dioceses, including the **Diocese of Yakima**, **Diocese of Spokane**, **Archdiocese of Oregon City** (now Portland in Oregon), and the **Archdiocese of Vancouver Island** (now Vancouver). The records document inter-diocesan communication and collaboration on topics related to Native American communities.

How Organized: Arranged by the name of the diocese, followed by the type of records, and then grouped by subject.

Relevance and Potential Uses: These records may augment studies of Native missionization, education, and land issues. They document inter-diocesan collaboration and efforts like Archbishop F. N. Blanchet's missions in Oregon and educational work on Vancouver Island.

Researchers can trace the Church's evolving policies and responses to Native legal and social challenges. Contact information for related diocesan archives is included.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, Oregon, British Columbia, Spokane, Yakima, education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, law and legislation, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence and publications.

See also: **Further Contact Information** for Diocese of Spokane, Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Archdiocese of Vancouver, and the Diocese of Yakima.

Inventory of Records About Other Catholic Dioceses:

Name of Diocese	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Portland in Oregon	Correspondence	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - Letters regarding Native American Missions	1861-1871	9	17	Protestant ministers acting as Native American agents; Religious freedom; pamphlet of F.N. Blanchet letters.
Portland in Oregon	Correspondence	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - Letters	1849-1873	9	16	Request to Governor Lane to work among the Cayuse; appointments of Native American agents;
Portland in Oregon	Publications	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - Letter to John Eaton, Commissioner of Education, etc. Washington, D.C.,	Circa 1877	10	12	Native American Missions in Oregon mainly.
Portland in Oregon	Publications	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - Letters of the Most Reverend F. N. Blanchet, D.D. Archbishop of Oregon City on the Catholic Indian Missions of the State of Oregon and Territories of Washington, Idaho,	1871	10	13	Native American Missions in Oregon mainly.

		and Montana together with the Reply of the Secretary of the Interior. Portland, OR: Herman & Atkinson, Catholic Sentinel Job Print, 1871.				
Portland in Oregon	Publications	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - The Catholic Church: Its Condition on the Pacific Coast Forty Years after its Establishment	Circa 1878	10	8	Native American Missions in Oregon mainly.
Portland in Oregon	Publications	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - Historical Notes and Reminiscence of Early Times in Oregon.	1883	10	9	Native American Missions in Oregon mainly.
Portland in Oregon	Publications	Blanchet, Archbishop F.N. - Historical Sketches of the Catholic Church in Oregon and the Northwest. Ferndale printing.	1910	10	10	Native American Missions in Oregon mainly.
Spokane	Correspondence	General	1878-1914	11	12	"Indian Council under the precedence of Rt. Rev. Bishop E. J. O'Dea, June 1900."
Vancouver, BC	Correspondence	General	1889-1960	12	12	1940 letter re: First Nations Schools;
Vancouver, BC	Correspondence	"Saanich Indians"	1890s-1909	12	14	
Vancouver, BC	Historical Publications	Reminiscences of the West Coast of Vancouver Island, by Rev. Charles Moser, OSB	1926	12	19	First Nations on Vancouver Island
Yakima	Historical Publications	St. Joseph Academy Fiftieth Anniversary History booklet	1925	14	11	

3. RECENT CHURCH ENGAGEMENT WITH NATIVE COMMUNITIES (1960S-PRESENT)

ABOUT: This section highlights records documenting the Church's modern interactions with Native communities. Covering topics such as education, advocacy, and cultural collaboration, these materials provide insights into the evolving relationship between the Archdiocese and Native peoples in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Bishops' Files (1969-2010)

Description: Collection consists of subject files related to Native American issues, extracted from the larger filing systems of Seattle's Archbishops. These records span from Archbishop Hunthausen in the 1970s to the present Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishops, focusing specifically on Native American topics and initiatives.

How Organized: By subject area, then chronologically within each subject.

Relevance and Potential Uses: These files provide insight into Church involvement or responses to issues affecting missions on or near reservations, including fishing rights, land disputes, and other tribal concerns. Subject files often highlight programs and initiatives related to Native American communities, typically labeled as "Native Americans." Researchers can explore the Church's evolving policies, advocacy efforts, and cultural interactions with Native communities during this period.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, bishops, tribal-Church relations, land issues, cemeteries, and cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence and reports.

See also:

- **Parish and Mission Files** for older information about specific parishes or missions before 1970.
- **Multicultural Ministries** for additional information about some of the programs and projects listed here.
- **Cemeteries** for additional information about Gethsemane Cemetery and the Puyallup Tribe.

Inventory:

Collection Title	Series Title	Subseries Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Bishops, Various	Subject Files		General	Native Americans/Indians	1969-1977	3	44	Native Americans; Social Justice
Bishops: Hunthausen	Chancery Administration		Catholic Charities	Native American Task Force	1977-1983	4	30	
Bishops: Hunthausen	Parishes			Ferndale, Saint Joachim	1976-1988	18	27	
Bishops: Hunthausen	Parishes			Muckleshoot Indian Reservation (Auburn)	1977-1978	19	19	
Bishops: Hunthausen	Parishes			Quinault, Our Lady of the Olympics	1980-1987	20	1	
Bishops: Hunthausen	Parishes			Swinomish, Saint Paul	1987-1989	22	19	
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			"Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians," Commission for	1975-1992	28	12	Missions serving African Americans and Native Americans; National Fundraising/Black and Indian Mission Collection, Mission Sunday Collection; Quarterly Newsletter; Native American Task Force, Minority Affairs Task Force, Seattle Black Lay Caucus, North Puget Sound Indian Ministry; Grants Received from the Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians;

Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Cemeteries, General (3)	1989-1992	29	6	Correspondence with Catholic Cemeteries, Joseph Sankovich/Director; Financial Statements/Independent Auditors' Report (1988, 1989); Gethsemane Cemetery/Tribal Land; Archdiocesan Cemeteries Advisory Board See Also: Gethsemane Cemetery, Federal Way
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Chief Seattle Club	1976-1990	30	3	Group serving the Needs of Homeless and Low-income Native Populations; Correspondence with Rev. Raymond Talbott, S.J.
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Church Council of Greater Seattle (4)	1985-1987	30	18	Interfaith Group of Religious Leaders discussing Public Policy; Washington State Centennial History Project (Religious History); American Indian Religious Freedom Act Report
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Church Council of Greater Seattle (5)	1988	30	19	Interfaith Group of Religious Leaders discussing Public Policy; Letter to Christian Churches of Leningrad; Meeting Report of CCGS Meetings from January - July 1988; Native American Task Force Report (11/17/88)
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Church Council of Greater Seattle (6)	1989-1990	30	20	Interfaith Group of Religious Leaders discussing Public Policy; Leningrad - Seattle Sister Churches Program; Native American Task Force Letters and Memos; Retirement of Rev. Dr.

								William Cate/President-Director, CCGS
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Church Council of Greater Seattle (7)	1991	30	21	Interfaith Group of Religious Leaders discussing Public Policy; Native American Task Force/Snoqualmie Falls Preservation Project and other Tribal Land Issues; Leningrad - Seattle Sister Churches Program;
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Collections, Special	1976-1994	30	23	Financial Records of Various Special Collections; Special Collections Officials; Collections and Allocations; Parish Assessments (see Also Individual Collections)
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Drexel, Mother Katharine	1976-1981	31	31	Foundress, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Serving Black and Native American People
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Gethsemane Cemetery, Federal Way	1985-1989	33	27	Easement to Tribal Land/Puyallup Tribe; See Also: Cemeteries, General
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Native Americans/Indians (1)	1977-1984	41	6	"USCCB Statement on American Indians"; Treaty Rights; WSCC; Native American Parishes/Missions; Ministry to Native American Communities

Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Native Americans/Indians (2)	1985-1991	41	7	Treaty/Fishing Rights; Pastoral Ministry to Native Americans in the Archdiocese of Seattle (May 1988); "American Indian Religious Freedom Act Report"; Letter of Apology to Local Native Americans by Church Leaders; Kateri Northwest Ministry Institute
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Native Americans/Indians: Fishing Dispute	1978-1979	41	8	"Boldt Decision on Indian Fishing Rights"; Catholic Charities' Native American Task Force; Opposition to Washington State Initiative 456 regarding Tribal Fishing Rights
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Puget Sound Association of Cooperating Tribes (PACT)	1978	43	16	Cooperating Tribes: Muckleshoot, Port Gamble Klallam, Suquamish, Tulalip; Archdiocesan Support of an Economic Development Program
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Retirement, Archbishop Hunthausen: Letters from Organizations/Communities	1991	44	19	Letters of Congratulations to Archbishop Hunthausen upon his Retirement; Includes Religious Orders, Universities, Seminaries, Monasteries and Institutions, Inter-faith and Minority Communities, and Government Representatives
Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			Tekakwitha, Kateri	1979-1993	47	20	Tekakwitha Conference: Vision, Voice and Presence of Native American Catholics; Native American Task Force

Bishops: Hunthausen	Subject Files			United States Catholic Conference: Statements	1974-1977	48	17	USCC
Bishops: Murphy	Subject Files		Black and Indian Mission Office		1995	20	19	
Bishops: Murphy	Subject Files		Native Americans		1992-1995	25	6	See Also: 610 Hunthausen (Date range 1977-1991)
Bishops: Murphy	Chancery Administration	Assistant to the Archbishop for Religious, Archdiocesan Commissions and Special Projects	Native American Ministry		1992-1994	29	20	
Bishops: Murphy	Chancery Administration	Vicar General, Vicar for Parish and Faith Communities	Multicultural Ministry Services (1)		1993	32	21	See Also: 610 Hunthausen (Date range 1989-1992)
Bishops: Brunett	Chancery Administration	Multicultural Affairs	Native American Affairs		1995-2009	12	10	
Bishops: Brunett	Parishes	Faith Communities	Native American Community		2006	40	30	
Bishops: Brunett	Subject Files	Organizations, Catholic	Black and Indian Missions Office		1999-2010	47	9	
Bishops: Brunett	Subject Files	Organizations, Catholic	Tekakwitha Conference		1999-2006	49	25	
Bishops: Brunett	Subject Files	Organizations, Catholic	USCCB -- Native American Catholics, Ad Hoc Committee on		1999-2008	50	1	
Bishops: Brunett	Subject Files	Projects and Events	Kateri Tekakwitha Canonization		2005-2009	50	34	

Bishops: Brunett	Subject Files	Subjects/Issues	Native Americans/Indians		1996-2010	55	6	

Multicultural Ministries Records (1985-2000)

Description: Records documenting the work of the Archdiocese of Seattle's Multicultural Ministries Office and its later iterations, which supported various cultural Catholic communities, including Native Americans. Each group had a dedicated representative, with Ray Williams serving as the Native American representative throughout much of the 1980s and 1990s. The collection includes a series specifically focused on Native American Catholicism, covering the late 1980s through the 2000s.

How Organized: Divided into seven file groupings: administration, correspondence, clippings, grants, vision statements, Tekakwitha Conference, World Trade Organization 1999, and subject files related to Native American communities. Note: The Multicultural Ministries collection is not fully processed; however, working box numbers are included for reference.

Relevance and Potential Uses: This collection is valuable for studying how the Archdiocese engaged with Native communities in Western Washington during the late 20th century, shaping current programs and initiatives. It provides insight into the Church's efforts to address social, economic, and spiritual issues impacting Indigenous communities and highlights collaborations that influenced ongoing ministry and advocacy work.

Topics Covered: Native missionization, education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, laws and legislation, grants, and cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence, clippings, subject files, reports, and grant and meeting materials.

See also:

- **Charities and Peace and Justice Offices** for other programmatic modern records.
- **Bishops' Files** for other programmatic modern records.

Inventory of Multicultural Ministries Records:

Collection #	Series Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Archdiocesan Diversity Training Meetings	1995	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Correspondence, General	1985-1989	29	N/A	Rev. Twohy; Sr. Barbara Bieker; Sister Julie Codd; Ester Lucero
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Correspondence, General	1989-1992	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Correspondence, General	1995-2000	29	N/A	Evelyn Buchanan; Senate Bill 1691
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Job Descriptions	1996-1997	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Meeting, Memos, & Correspondence	1994-1995	29	N/A	Diversity; Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Native American Lay Ministry Development	1991-1992	29	N/A	Kateri NW Ministry Institute
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	"Pastoral Ministry to Native Americans" Report	1988	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Presentation to Archbishop Brunett Development Files	circa 1997	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Staff Meetings	1994	29	N/A	

653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Staff Meetings with Rev. Jim Picton	1995-1996	29	N/A	Kateri NW Ministry
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Williams, Ray - Resume	1994	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Williams, Ray - Director Notes	1995-1997	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Administration	Workplan for Native American Affairs	1998-1999	29	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Clippings	Newspaper Clippings	1989-1990	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Clippings	Newspaper Clippings	1999	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Clippings	Sovereignty Clippings	1998	30	N/A	Leonard Peltier
653	Native American Affairs	Clippings	Tribal Economics Clippings	1998	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Black & Indian Missions Office Grants	1995-2000	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Catholic Church Extension Society	1989	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Grant Applications - Various	1994-1997	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Home Missions	1998-2000	30	N/A	

653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Home Missions / Rice Bowl Grants	1995-1998	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Jesuit Quest for Justice Funds	1987	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	People of Power Documentary - Catholic Communications Campaign. Not funded or made.	1988-1989	30	N/A	Not funded or made
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Raskob Foundation	1988-1989	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Grants	Seventh Generation Fund	1999	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	"Background Information Towards an Understanding of Native American Tribes and Treaties"	1978	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Border Crossing Issue I	1995-1996	30	N/A	Immigration Customs
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Border Crossing Issue II	1995-1996	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Campaign for Human Development - Advisory Committee	1995-1998	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Catholic Community Services Family Center	1995-1998	30	N/A	1987 Apology
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Chief Seattle Club	1993-1995	30	N/A	Ray Williams was a board member

653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Detention Ministry Statement of Religious Preference	1999	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Dignity & Peace Run	1996	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Gonzales, Padre Joel Padron - Workshops	1988	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Great Jubilee	2000	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Hascall, Rev. John - Presentation Information	1989	30	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Hopi - Navajo Issues	1987-1988	30	N/A	Class Action Lawsuit
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	"Indian and Indian Interest Organizations," Richard S. Jones	1984	30	N/A	Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Legislation	circa 1979	30?	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Legislation - Amicus Brief	1980	30?	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Mt. Graham, AZ	1994	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Native American Task Force - Church Council of Greater Seattle	1988-1995	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Neah Bay Catholic Community	1992-1993	31	N/A	Makahs

653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	One with Creation Organization	1989-1999	31	N/A	Ray Williams organization
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Pax Christi NW	1995-1998	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Pelotte, Bishop - "The Gospel and the Fate of Indigenous People"	1997	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	"A Public Declaration to the Traditional Spiritual Leaders of the Indian and Eskimo Peoples of the Pacific Northwest" (1987)	1986-1991	31	N/A	1987 Apology
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Quincentennial of Coming of Europeans (1992)	1987-1993	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Quito, Ecuador Trip	1990	31	N/A	Quincentennial of Coming of Europeans; Columbus
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Reconciliation with Native American Peoples	1994	31	N/A	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet of the LA Province
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	St. Claire Mission, Muckleshoot Reservation	1970, 1995	31	N/A	Muckleshoot
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Senate Bill 1691 American Indian Equal Justice Act	1998	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Swinomish Gathering	1993	31	N/A	Contains 2 photographs
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Tahoma Indian Center	1995-1999	31	N/A	Joan Staples Baum

653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Tribal Political Platform	1987-1996	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	US Bishops Ad-Hoc Committee on Native American Catholics	1995	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Washington Association of Churches I	1995-1998	31	N/A	1987 Apology
653	Native American Affairs	Subject Files	Washington Association of Churches II	1995-1998	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Conference Planning 1999 Spokane I	1998	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Conference Planning 1999 Spokane II	1989	31	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Conference Planning 1999 Spokane III	1997-1998	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Conference Planning 1999 Spokane VI	1998-1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Conference Planning, General	1987-1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Conference Planning, General	1997-1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Cross and Feathers Newsletter	1998-2000	32	N/A	Issues Missing
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Forming Kateri Circles Pamphlet	undated	32	N/A	

653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Fundraising	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Gonzaga University	1997-1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	"Highlights of the Life of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha"	undated	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Kateri Northwest Ministry	1996-1997	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Kateri Northwest Ministry Institute	1991	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Newspaper Clippings - Conference 1999	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Tekakwitha Conference	Policies and Planning	1996-1998	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"Cultural & Intellectual Rights of Indigenous Peoples - The Mataatua Declaration"	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"Free Trade: At What Cost?"	circa 1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	Indigenous Environmental Network - Indigenous Peoples Forum	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"Indigenous Peoples' Caucus Statement"	circa 1999	32	N/A	

653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	Indigenous Peoples' Seattle Declaration and Recommendations	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"No Patenting of Life!"	circa 1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	North American Indigenous Elders Forum	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"Report: An Indigenous People's Information and Strategy Meeting on the World Trade Organization"	circa 1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	Southwest Network for Environment and Economic Justice	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"Statement of Indigenous Peoples on TRIP"	1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	World Trade Organization 1999	"WTO Pact Threatens Aboriginal Rights"	circa 1999	32	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Vision Statements	Vision Statement for the Years 1995-2000 - Archdiocesan Pastoral Council	1995	33	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Vision Statements	"A New Wind and Fire - Native Relations" Proof	2000	33	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Vision Statements	"A New Wind and Fire" Vision Statement Draft	1995	33	N/A	
653	Native American Affairs	Vision Statements	"A New Wind and Fire" Vision Statement Notes	1995	33	N/A	

Justice and Peace Initiatives (1976-1995)

Description: Records documenting the work of the Office of Catholic Charities (precursor to Catholic Community Services of Western Washington) and the Justice and Peace Office (precursor to the now-defunct Missions Office). It reflects the Archdiocese of Seattle's modern programs since the 1970s, similar to the Multicultural Ministries collection.

How Organized: Organized by name of office and then by record type.

Relevance and Potential Uses: Although these offices did not focus exclusively on Native American issues, the collection includes records from the Native American Task Force, formed in the late 1970s. These records address legislation and fishing rights and describe the Archdiocese's involvement in various social and legal issues affecting Native communities during this period.

Topics Covered: Education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, laws and legislation, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters, and surveys.

See also:

- **Multicultural Ministries** for contemporary records and related programs or projects.
- **Bishops' Files** for contemporary records and related programs or projects.

Inventory of Justice and Peace Records:

Collection #	Series Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
650	Catholic Charities	Boards, etc.	Native American Task Force - Correspondence, etc.	1977-1981	6	31	Organization of the Forgotten American; Fishing Rights; legislation
650	Catholic Charities	Boards, etc.	Native American Task Force - Events, etc. - Program on Native America Concerns	1979	7	1	Native American Awareness Day
650	Catholic Charities	Boards, etc.	Native American Task Force - Minutes, etc.	1978-1981	7	2	Goals; Indian Forum; Legislation
650	Catholic Charities	Boards, etc.	Native American Task Force - Newsletters, etc.	1976-1981	7	3	External Newsletters; Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

650	Catholic Charities	Boards, etc.	Native American Task Force - Surveys, etc.	1977-1978	7	4	Reports; “Background Information towards an Understanding of Native American Tribes and Treaties”; “Justice for Native Americans”; Student Koaltion of Indian Natives (SKIN); Hanta Yo; Sioux
652	Justice and Peace Office	Subject Files	Native Americans	1983-1995	19	1	Cowlitz; Raymond Williams; Sr. Louise McDonald
652	Justice and Peace Office	Subject Files	Native Americans -- Fishing Rights/Treaties	1974-1978	19	2	External Reports; Publications; Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

4. RESEARCHING LAND AND PROPERTY HISTORIES

ABOUT: Records in this section document Church land ownership, mission claims, and cemeteries connected to Native communities. They provide insight into how lands were acquired, used, and managed, including burial practices and property transitions involving Native peoples.

Mission and Claim Records (1852-1967)

Description: Contains property records from early Native American mission land claims in 19th-century Washington Territory. Mission land claims were legal filings made by the Catholic Church to secure ownership and usage rights for lands where missions were established and sometimes include testimony from missionary priests about the land's history and purpose. Also contains later records related to St. George Indian School and Gethsemane Cemetery, now located on the school's property. Some mission records, like those of St. Joseph Mission to the Yakamas, highlight efforts to serve Native populations and may reference nearby tribes or peoples.

How Organized: Organized by type of record and then by location.

Relevance and Potential Uses: Mission claim records offer insights for researchers examining how the Catholic Church acquired and used lands that had originally belonged to Native peoples. Although often indirectly related to Native communities, the records include information about tribes or peoples near the missions, such as the Yakamas served by St. Joseph Mission.

Topics Covered: Education, missions, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cemeteries, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence, maps, titles, agreements, and reports.

See also:

- **Native American Subject Files** for information about the Jesuits that served St. Paul Mission, Kettle Falls (Colville), see the **Religious Priests**.
- **Parish and Mission Files** for more information about St. Joseph, Yakima mission claim.
- **Boarding Schools** for more information of the administration of "St. George Indian School."

Inventory of Mission and Land Claim Records:

Series Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Maps, Surveys, & Plats		St. George Indian Mission	1967	23	39	
Property and Construction Correspondence		St. George Apartments - Tacoma	1962-1975	22	2	former St. George Indian School
Property and Construction Correspondence		St. George Indian School - "Common Borrow Pit" - Land Classification Application	1972	22	3	
Property and Construction Subject Files		Gethsemane - Puyallup Tribe Site Plans	1979	2017.690.03		
Mission Land Claims	St Francis Xavier Mission (Cowlitz Prairie)	Abstract of Title to the land known as the Catholic Missions Claim on Cowlitz Prairie (1868); Affidavits of A. Langlois, J.B.A. Brouillet, F.N. Blanchet, and A.M.A. Blanchet (1882)	1880-1882	3	1	Archbishop F.N. Blanchet; Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet; Rev. Anthony Langlois; Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet; Catholic Ladder; Whidbey Island; President Chester A. Arthur
Mission Land Claims	St. Paul Mission (Kettle Falls)	Map	1864	3	2	Stevens County, now Roosevelt Lake National Park; Jesuits. Confederated Tribes of the Colville

Mission Land Claims	Immaculate Conception Mission (Mnassatas River)	Translation of "Notification of the Mission Claim on the Mnassatas" pg. 85 of the register (1872). Includes Rev. J. Delannoy's notes.	circa 1873	3	3	Yakama, Kitetsh Valley; FAILED
Mission Land Claims	St. Rose Mission (Walla Walla)	Correspondence I - Contract between A.M.A Blanchet and Otis L. Bridges (1863); Decision: Catholic Mission of St. Rose vs. Burwell W. Russell, et. Al. (1868); Chirouse Power of Attorney (1862); copy of 1852 Chirouse Affidavit	1852-1874	3	4	Rev. Chirouse, Tumalun River; Joseph Fletcher
Mission Land Claims	St. Rose Mission (Walla Walla)	Correspondence II -	1860-1872	3	5	General Land Office, Department of the Interior; Joseph Fletcher
Mission Land Claims	Whidbey Island Mission Claim	Deposition of R. Vegnet (1862), J.B.A. Brouillet Affidavit - Copy (1862), J.B.Z. Bulduc Affidavit - Copy (1862), F.N. Blanchet Affidavit - Copy (1862),	1853-1863	3	6	Rev. J.S. Bulduc; Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet, Archbishop F.N. Blanchet; Bishop A.M.A Blanchet; Rev. Modeste Demers; Randall; FAILED
Mission Land Claims	St. Joseph Mission (Yakima)	Claim Notice - Copy; Decision: Charles Kinne & William Smith & N.P.R.R. Co. vs St. Joseph Roman Catholic Mission (1891); Junger Affidavit - Copy; Correspondence transcriptions from Nesqually 1867-1879 by Delannoy;	1867-1900	3	7	Bishop Junger; Bishop O'Dea; Bishop A.M.A. Blanchet; Yakamas; SUCCEEDED

Mission Land Claims	St. Joseph Mission (Yakima)	Northern Pacific R.R. Co. et al, vs. St. Joseph Roman Catholic Mission - Court Proceedings	undated	3	8	
Mission Land Claims	Other Washington Territory Missions	St. Anne Mission (Umatilla), Steilacoom, Chehalis, Agreement between J.B.A. Brouillet and Charles Euring to prosecute mission claims (1873)	1853-1873	3	9	Rev. J.B.A. Brouillet; Cayuse; George Deshon
Abstracts of Title	Yakima County	Yakima County - St. Joseph Mission	1889-1890	12	12	

Cemetery Records (1902-1976)

Description: Files related to St. George Indian School Cemetery, the mission cemetery of St. Peter, Suquamish, and an unnamed "Indian" cemetery in Cashmere.

How Organized: Organized by name of cemetery and then by type of record.

Relevance and Potential Uses: The St. George Indian School cemetery file is particularly significant for Native researchers, as it includes burial lists with the names of those interred and a count of burials. The records indicate that the cemetery was of mixed use, serving both Native and white Catholics of all ages, not exclusively school students. Correspondence about the transfer of burials documents the Church's efforts to identify the interred, contact their families, and arrange for relocation after the school's closure. These records provide context on the cemetery's demographics, usage, and cultural and historical importance. The Gethsemane file documents a protest occupation of a building at the site of the former St. George Indian School by activists from the Indian Group Home Coalition in 1974 and the subsequent negotiations that resulted in the Archdiocese deeding the St. George School cemetery property to the Puyallup Tribe.

Topics Covered: Education, tribal/Church relations, land issues, cemeteries, cultural interactions.

Types of Records Included: Correspondence, financial records, burial lists, and maps.

See also:

- **Boarding Schools** for enrollment records and notations of students' and sometimes parents' deaths.
- **Early Missionary Sacramental Records** for death records.
- **Early Vancouver Mission Sacramental Records** for death records.
- **Native American Subject Files** for more information on Gethsemane Cemetery and the Puyallup Tribe.
- **Parish Sacramental Records** for modern death records.
- **Bishops' Files** for information about St. George Indian School Cemetery and what is now Gethsemane Cemetery.

Inventory of Cemetery Records:

Series Title	File Title	Folder Title	Date	Box #	Folder #	Notes
Cemetery Files	Cashmere	Unnamed "Indian" cemetery	1964	3	7	
Cemetery Files	Federal Way	Gethsemane- Land Transfer to Puyallup Tribe	1971-1992	3	15	
Cemetery Files	Federal Way	St. George Indian School Cemetery	1902-1975	5	1	Puyallup Tribe. Includes burial lists & documents attempts to remove bodies to other Catholic Cemeteries. Also contains a map showing the where the graveyard was located.
Cemetery Files	Suquamish	St. Peter Cemetery (Suquamish Cemetery)	1943-1976	7	4	

FURTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

Here we provide the contact information for the institutions and orders mentioned throughout the Guide. These institutions have records pertaining to the missionization of Washington State and ministering to Native Americans.

Sisters of Providence Archives (Seattle, WA)

Website: https://www.providence.org/about/providence-archives
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Diocese of Spokane

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Diocese of Yakima

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Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

Website: https://www.archdpdx.org/archives-and-records
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Archdiocese of Vancouver (British Columbia)

Website: https://rcav.org/archives-office
Email: https://rcav.org/archives-office/contact [webform]
Telephone: 604-683-0281

Jesuits Archives and Research Center (St. Louis, MO)

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Oblates of Mary Immaculate (Ottawa, CA)

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Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions Records (Marquette University, MI)

Website: https://www.marquette.edu/library/archives/Mss/BCIM/BCIM-SC1.php

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