



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: Established in ca. 1978 by a School Sister of Notre Dame, the Diocese of Phoenix, Office of Native American Ministry has administered the sacramental records for the missions and parishes of the Gila River and Salt River Reservations and San Lucy.

History of St. John the Baptist Church and School

1897-1909	Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and administered St. John the Baptist Church (Pima), Laveen/ Komatk or Komatke, Gila River Reservation, from Immaculate Conception, Phoenix
1898-1901	Franciscans from Immaculate Conception, Phoenix established and administered St. John the Baptist School (Pima)
1901-1930	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (Los Angeles Province, Los Angeles, California) staffed the school
1910-present	Franciscans have administered St. John's
1931-1936	Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (Orange, California) staffed the school
1938-1990 (closed)	Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) staffed the school (now Apache, Pima, and Tohono O'odham)
1980-1990 (closed)	Christian Brothers (San Francisco Province, Napa, California) also staffed the school

Franciscans from St. John's attended the following Indian missions:

1910-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Anthony Mission (Pima), Sacaton, Gila River Reservation
1912-1930 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Phoenix)	St. Francis Assisi of Mission (Pima), Salt River, Salt River Reservation
1913-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Francis Mission (Maricopa), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation

1915 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Ajo)	Ss. Simon and Jude Mission (Tohono O'odham), Gila Bend
1910-1940 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Anne Mission (Pima), Santan, Gila River Reservation
1910-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Michael Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation, Gila River Reservation
1910-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Paschal Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Blackwater
1910-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Peter's Mission (Pima), Casa Blanca, Gila River Reservation
1998-present	St. Francis Mission (Maricopa), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation

Sisters from St. John School staffed the following Indian schools:

1930-1932 (closed)	Sacate Day School (Pima), Sacate, Gila River Reservation
1930-1932 (closed)	Santa Cruz Day School (Pima), Santa Cruz, Gila River Reservation
1930-1932 (closed)	Sacaton Flats Day School (Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation
1932-1950 (closed)	St. Francis Day School (Tohono O'odham and Pima), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation
1932-1950 (closed)	St. Peter Day School (Pima), Casa Blanca, Gila River Reservation

History of St. Peter Mission and School

1873-1890s	Diocesan priests visited the Gila River Reservation (Pima) from Assumption Church, Florence
ca. 1934-1992	Franciscans (Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and administered St. Peter Mission (Pima), Sacaton/ Bapchule
1923-1931	Lay teachers (Pima) established and staffed St. Peter School (Pima)
1932-1935	Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (Orange, California) staffed the school
1936-present	Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) have staffed the school
ca. 1992-present	Permanent deacons (Pima) have administered St. Peter's

Priests and deacons from St. Peter's attended the following Indian missions:

1949-present	Holy Family Mission (Pima), Blackwater, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	Our Lady of Victory Mission (Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	St. Anne Mission (Pima), Santan, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	St. Anthony Mission (Pima), Sacaton, Gila River Reservation

1949-present	St. Michael Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	St. Paschal Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Blackwater, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	St. Peter Mission (Pima), Casa Blanca, Gila River Reservation
1938-1998 (transferred to St. John's, Laveen)	St. Francis Mission (Maricopa), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation

History of St. Francis of Assisi Mission

ca. 1900-1930 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Phoenix)	Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and attended St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Pima), Salt River, Salt River Reservation, from St. John's, Laveen
1972-1979	Diocesan priests attended St. Francis from St. Margaret, Tempe
1980	A Jesuit (California Province, Los Gatos, California) administered St. Francis and Salvatorians (U.S.A. Province, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) assisted from St. Margaret, Tempe
1981	A Jesuit administered St. Francis and Marianists (now United States Province, St. Louis, Missouri) assisted from St. Margaret, Tempe
1982	A Jesuit administered St. Francis and diocesan priests assisted from St. Margaret, Tempe
1983-present	Diocesan priests have attended St. Francis from St. Margaret, Tempe

History of St. Paschal Baylon Mission

1984-present	Diocesan priests established and have attended St. Paschal Baylon Mission (Pima), Lehi, Salt River Reservation, from St. Margaret, Tempe
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1901-present

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet

Description: The records at the Diocese of Phoenix, Office of Native American Ministry, are not arranged according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental records

Inclusive dates: 1901-present

Volume: 22 volumes

Description:

1. Sacaton/ Bapchule: St. Peter Mission and its attended Indian missions: Baptisms, 1938-1981, 3 volumes; first communions, 1944-1994, 1 volume; confirmations, 1945-1983, 1 volume; marriages, 1940-1981, 1 volume; and burials, 1944-1985, 1 volume

2. Laveen, St. John Church and its attended Indian missions: Baptisms, 1901-present, 6 volumes, in Latin to 1912; first communions, 1994-present, 1 volume; confirmations, 1902-present, 2 volumes; marriages, 1902-present, 3 volumes; and burials, 1912-present, 2 volumes
3. San Lucy: St. Lucy Mission, dates and volume unknown
4. Salt River Reservation: St. Francis Church, Salt River, and St. Paschal Mission, Lehi, 1978-present, 1 volume; baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, and burials

B. History File

Inclusive dates: 1973-1978, n.d.

Volume: 1 folder

Description: Clippings, newsletter, and notes, re: St. John Church and School and St. Peter Mission and School.