



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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INDIANA, ST. MEINRAD

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Benedictines,
St. Meinrad Archabbey
Swiss-American Congregation Archives

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History: St. Meinrad Abbey administered Benedictine Indian missions and parishes in Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota from 1884-1954, and was succeeded by Blue Cloud Abbey, which administered them from 1954-2012.

St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana

In 1854, Benedictines from Our Lady of Einsiedeln Abbey (Einsiedeln, Switzerland) founded St. Meinrad Abbey, which administered the following Indian missions and parishes in North Dakota, Nebraska, and South Dakota from 1884 1954:

1884-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Michael Church (Sisseton and Wahpeton), St. Michael, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1885-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Seven Dolors Church (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Fort Totten, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1887-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Immaculate Conception Church (Santee and Sisseton), Stephan, Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota
1892-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Jerome Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Crow Hill, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1887-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Joseph Church (Brulé), Fort Thompson, Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota
1917-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), Lake Andes/ White Swan, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1917-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Paul Church (Yankton), Marty, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1917-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood,

1887-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Yankton Reservation, South Dakota St. Catherine/ Sacred Heart Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Big Bend, Sisseton Reservation, South Dakota
1929-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Christ the King Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Tokio, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1931-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Santee, Nebraska
1933-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Ann Church (Métis and Ojibwa), Belcourt, North Dakota
1933-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Anthony Mission (Métis and Ojibwa), Alcide, North Dakota
1936-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Good Shepherd Mission (unknown), Grace Mission, South Dakota
1938-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Gregory Mission (Yankton), Greenwood/ Missouri Bottom, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1940-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Catherine of Sienna Mission (Yankton), Rising Hail Colony, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1940-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Benedict Mission (Métis and Ojibwa), Belcourt/ Turtle Mountain, Turtle Mountain Reservation, North Dakota
1941-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska
1946-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. Augustine Mission (Winnebago), Winnebago, Winnebago Reservation, Nebraska
1948-1954 (transferred to Blue Cloud)	St. William Mission ((Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska

Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota

In 1950, Benedictines from St. Meinrad founded Blue Cloud as a monastery. It was raised to an abbey in 1954 and closed in 2012. Blue Cloud administered the following Indian parishes and missions from 1954-2012:

1954-2012 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. Michael Church (Sisseton and Wahpeton), St. Michael, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1954-2012 (transferred to Dominicans)	Seven Dolours Church (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Fort Totten, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1954-1997 (transferred to Priests of the Sacred Heart, U.S. Province)	Immaculate Conception Church (Santee and Sisseton), Stephan, Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota
1954-2012 (transferred to Dominicans)	St. Jerome Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Crow Hill, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1954-1997 (transferred to Priests of the Sacred Heart, U.S. Province)	St. Joseph Church (Brulé), Fort Thompson, Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota
1954-1978 (closed)	St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), Lake Andes/ White Swan, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota

1954-1997 (transferred to Regular Franciscans, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province)	St. Paul Church (Yankton), Marty, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1954-2012 (closed)	St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1954-1997 (transferred to Priests of the Sacred Heart, U.S. Province)	St. Catherine/ Sacred Heart Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Big Bend, Sisseton Reservation, South Dakota
1954-2012 (transferred to Dominicans)	Christ the King Mission (Sisseton and Wahpeton), Tokio, Fort Totten Reservation, North Dakota
1954-1957 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Santee, Nebraska
1954-1995 (transferred to Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity)	St. Ann Church (Métis and Ojibwa), Belcourt, North Dakota
1954-1995 (transferred to Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity)	St. Anthony Mission (Métis and Ojibwa), Alcide, North Dakota
1954-ca.1957 (closed)	Good Shepherd Mission (unknown), Grace Mission, South Dakota
1954-1958 (closed)	St. Gregory Mission (Yankton), Greenwood/ Missouri Bottom, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1954-1965 (closed)	St. Catherine of Sienna Mission (Yankton), Rising Hail Colony, Yankton Reservation, South Dakota
1954-1995 (transferred to Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity)	St. Benedict Mission (Métis and Ojibwa), Belcourt/ Turtle Mountain, Turtle Mountain Reservation, North Dakota
1954-1957 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska
1954-1957 (transferred to diocesan priests)	St. William Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska
1956-1982 (closed)	St. John Mission (Santee and Sisseton), Pierre

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1862-2012, undated

Volume: Approximately 30 cubic feet (includes 25 cubic feet of holdings from Blue Cloud Abbey)

Description: The Swiss-American Congregation Archives at St. Meinrad are divided into four series. Previously it included the bulk of the Blue Cloud holdings that were transferred there to facilitate its administration of Indian missions and then returned in 2012. But apparently, the bulk of the records for Belcourt, North Dakota, St. Ann's Church, Turtle Mountain Reservation, had been destroyed or lost at an earlier date, and most volumes of the diaries of Reverend Pius Boehm, O.S.B., 1892-1930, were separated. Furthermore, the papers of Rev. Stanislaus Maudlin, O.S.B., and the collection of the American Indian Research Center he directed, and the Blue Cloud Abbey photographic collection were transferred to the Center for Western Studies as the combined American Indian Research Center Collection, entry M-229a.

Swiss-American Congregation Archives

/1 "Indian Missions"

Inclusive dates: 1886-1954, undated

Volume: .9 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of the mission.

- A. Belcourt, North Dakota, St. Ann Mission, 1902, 1911, 1933-1954, .1 cubic foot:
 - 1. Land titles, abstracts, and warranty deeds, 1902, 1911, 1933-1934, 1937-1938, 1940, 1954, 3 folders
 - 2. Financial reports, 1935-1953, 1 folder
- B. Fort Totten, North Dakota, Seven Dolores Mission and St. Michaels, North Dakota, St. Michael Mission, 1887-1892, 1902-1906, 1914-1922, 1932-1953, .15 cubic foot:
 - 1. Correspondence, 1890-1892, 1914, 1917-1918, 1921-1922, 28 letters; major correspondents include Reverends Jerome Hunt, O.S.B., Ambrose Mattingly, O.S.B., Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., and Abbots Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B., and Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B.
 - 2. Financial reports (annual), 1887-1888, 1902-1906, 1916-1917, 1932-1953, 2 folders
 - 3. Land titles, abstracts, and deeds, 1934, 1937, 1941, 1 folder
- C. Marty, South Dakota, St. Paul Mission, 1920-1921, 1928-1953, .15 cubic foot:
 - 1. Correspondence, 1920-1921, 1940, 8 letters; major correspondents include Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B., and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 - 2. Financial reports, 1928-1953, 2 folders
 - 3. Historical notes, ca.1940, 18 pages
- D. Stephan, South Dakota, Immaculate Conception Mission, 1886-1953, undated, .4 cubic foot:
 - 1. Correspondence, 1886-1908, 1916, 1919-1920, 1922-1923, 1930-1931, 1934, undated, 190 letters; major correspondents include Reverends Pius Boehm, O.S.B. and Ambrose Mattingly, O.S.B., Sister M. Romana, O.S.B., Saint Katharine Drexel, S.B.S., Bishop Thomas O'Gorman, Abbots Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. and Ignatius Esser, O.S.B., and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 - 2. Financial reports, 1891-1953, 2 folders
 - 3. Clippings, 1916, 1 folder
- E. "Indian Missions, Indian Sisterhood (Father Francis Craft) and Origins of Catholicism in Dakotas (Bishop Shanley)," 1888-1900, 1941, undated, .1 cubic foot:
 - 1. Correspondence, 1888, 1890, 1897-1900, 1941, 14 letters; major correspondents include Reverend Francis Craft, Bishop Thomas O'Gorman, and Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B.
 - 2. Clippings, undated, 1 folder

/2 "Abbots Files"

Inclusive dates: 1862-1897, 1920s-1956

Volume: .6 cubic foot

Description: Arranged chronologically by administration. Most correspondence between the abbots and Indian missionaries is found in the "Indian Missions" and "Monks" files.

- A. Abbot Martin Marty, O.S.B. (Abbot, 1870-1880), 1862-1897, undated, .1 cubic foot:
 - 1. Correspondence, 1862-1897, .1 cubic foot; primarily outgoing correspondence written in German; major correspondents include Reverends Claude Ebner, O.S.B. and Jerome Hunt, O.S.B., Abbot Fintan Mundwiler,

- O.S.B., monks at the Abbey of Our Lady of Einsiedeln (Canton, Schwyz), Switzerland, and Christina Wewer, Reverend Marty's housekeeper, whose letters to Abbot Mundwiler O.S.B. in 1896-1897 provide an account of Reverend Marty's death
2. Biographical information, undated, 1 folder
 - B. Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. (Abbot, 1880-1898), 1886-1890, .1 cubic foot: correspondence, primarily incoming; major correspondents include Reverends Claude Ebner, O.S.B., Pius Boehm, O.S.B., and Joseph Stephan
 - C. Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B. (Abbot, 1898-1930), 1920s, .1 cubic foot: correspondence, primarily incoming; major correspondents include Reverends Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B. and Justin Snyder, O.S.B.
 - D. Archabbot Ignatius Esser, O.S.B. (Abbot, 1930-1955; Archabbot, 1954-1955), 1930-1956, .2 cubic foot: correspondence files with incoming and outgoing letters (copies) plus enclosures; arranged alphabetically by name of missionary, institution or subject; inventory exists which gives name of correspondent, brief description of the topic, date, and the number of items in the file
 1. "Blue Cloud Abbey, missionaries-Opinions," 1949, 21 items
 2. "Blue Cloud Abbey, Father Pohlen-Sisseton," 1949, 1 item
 3. "Blue Cloud Abbey, Ranch near Stephan," 1950, 6 items
 4. "Mary Jane Borden, employee at Marty, South Dakota," 1930-1936, 27 items
 5. "Fargo, North Dakota-Chancery Correspondence, re: Belcourt and St. Michael's," 1938-1951, 28 items
 6. "Fort Totten Mission and St. Michael's Mission," 1930-1956, 76 items
 7. "Hulsman, Reverend Frank, Indian Missionary," 1935-1952, 40 items
 8. "Marty Mission," 1930-1955, 92 items
 9. "St. Ann Mission, Belcourt," 1932-1955, 71 items
 10. "Sioux Missions, Project reform of real estate tenure in Dakota," 1930-1931, 31 items
 11. "Stephan, South Dakota, Immaculate Conception Mission," 1931-1955, 26 items
 - E. Correspondence of abbots and other St. Meinrad monks with the Abbey of Our Lady of Einsiedeln (Canton, Schwyz), Switzerland, 1877-1893, approximately 100 letters: outgoing letters (copies) from St. Meinrad to Einsiedeln written in German with English translations; major correspondents include Reverends John Chrysostom Foffa, O.S.B. and Martin Marty, O.S.B.

/3 "Monks' Files"

Inclusive dates: 1871-1965, undated

Volume: 2.0 cubic feet

Description: The files of individual monks are divided into two groups: records generated before and records created after 1930.

- A. "Monks Files, Pre-1930," 1871-1929, undated, 1.0 cubic foot: arranged alphabetically by first name; files typically contain both official mission correspondence and personal records.
 1. "Ambrose Mattingly, O.S.B., Reverend," 1888-1898, 1918, undated, 1 folder:
 - a. Correspondence, 1888-1898, 1918, 31 letters; primarily letters to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated
 2. "Anthony Mannhart, O.S.B., Brother," 1890, undated, 1 folder:
 - a. Correspondence, 1890, 2 letters; to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated

3. "Claude Ebner, O.S.B., Reverend," 1878-1900, undated, .2 cubic foot of 2 cubic feet:
 - a. Correspondence, 1878-1900, .2 cubic foot; both outgoing and incoming; major correspondents include Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B., Reverends Louis Bonin, Ambrose Mattingly, O.S.B., Pius Boehm, O.S.B., Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B., Jerome Hunt, O.S.B., and Stephan Stenger, O.S.B., and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 - b. Biographical information, undated
4. "Fintan Wiederkehr, O.S.B., Reverend," 1887-1897, undated, 2 folders:
 - a. Correspondence, 1887-1897, 45 letters (in German); to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Seven Dolors Mission, Fort Totten, North Dakota, and Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated, 1 folder
5. "Giles Laugel, O.S.B., Brother," 1889-1890, undated, 1 folder:
 - a. Correspondence, 1889-1890, 3 letters (in German); to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Seven Dolors Mission, Fort Totten, North Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated
6. "January Huber, O.S.B., Brother," 1888-1894, undated, 2 folders:
 - a. Correspondence, 1888-1894, 15 letters in German; to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated, 1 folder
7. "Jerome Hunt, O.S.B., Reverend," 1886-1912, undated, .1 cubic foot:
 - a. Correspondence, 1886-1890, 1897-1899, 1902, 1904, 1912, 59 letters mostly in German; majority to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. and Reverend Claude Ebner, O.S.B. from Seven Dolors Mission, Fort Totten, North Dakota
 - b. Extract from an Indian child's diary regarding a school celebration, undated, 7 pages
 - c. Biographical information, undated, 1 folder
8. "John Apke, O.S.B., Brother," 1889-1894, undated, 1 folder:
 - a. Correspondence, 1889-1894, 14 letters in German; to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated
9. "John Chrysostom Foffa, O.S.B., Reverend," 1871-1881, 1887, undated, .1 cubic foot:
 - a. Correspondence, 1871-1881, 1887, 89 letters in German: primarily to Abbot Martin Marty, O.S.B.; many letters from the Standing Rock Reservation
 - b. Sermon notes, 1873, 1876-1877, undated, 1 folder
10. "Justin Snyder, O.S.B., Reverend," 1925, undated, 1 folder:
 - a. Correspondence, 1925, 1 letter: to Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B. from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated
11. "Meinrad McCarthy, O.S.B., Reverend," 1890-1899, 50 letters: correspondence by or about Reverend McCarthy; major correspondents include Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. and Reverend Pius Boehm, O.S.B.
12. "Philip Ketterer, O.S.B., Brother," 1889-1894, undated, 2 folders:
 - a. Correspondence, 1889-1894, 13 letters; to Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota, and Chamberlain, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated, 1 folder
13. "Pius Boehm, O.S.B., Reverend," 1887-1907, 1909, 1911-1914, 1916, 1923, 1925, 1927-1929, 183 letters; primarily correspondence to and from Abbots Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B. and Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B.
14. "Stephan Stenger, O.S.B., Reverend," 1877-1881, 1885, 1888-1892, 1896-1900, 1920, 50 letters: incoming and outgoing, in English and German;

- major correspondents include Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B., Reverend Claude Ebner, O.S.B., and Bishop Martin Marty, O.S.B.
15. "Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., Reverend," 1910, 1919-1921, undated, 1 folder:
 - a. Correspondence, 1910, 1919-1921, 4 letters; to Abbot Athanasius Schmitt from Ravinna, South Dakota
 - b. Biographical information, undated
 - B. "Abbatial File of St. Meinrad Monks," 1930-1965, 1.0 cubic foot: Includes incoming and outgoing correspondence filed alphabetically under the religious name of each monk. The "Abbatial File" was initiated by Archabbot Ignatius Esser, O.S.B. at the beginning of his administration in 1930. Subsequently Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, O.S.B. and Archabbot Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B. added their records to the file. In the spring of 1975, files pertaining to monks who had died, transferred, secularized, laicized, or otherwise had left the Archabbey, were transferred to the Archives.
 1. Alan Berndt, 1946-1957, 8 items: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota, and St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
 2. Alfred Baltz, 1938-1941, 22 items: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
 3. Ambrose Mattingly, 1930-1941, 90 items: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota, St. Ann Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota, and St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
 4. Augustine Edele, 1946-1958, 1 folder: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 5. Benno Fellinger, 1945-1949, 19 items: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
 6. Boniface Armbruster, 1948-1951, 6 items: from St. Ann Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota
 7. Boniface Benkert, 1935-1936, 1 folder: from St. Paul Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota
 8. Brendan Keane, 1946-1949, 18 items: from St. Ann Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota, and St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
 9. Casimir Kot, 1943-1950, 1 folder: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota and Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 10. Celestine Sander, 1943-1953, 1 folder: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota, and St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
 11. Cletus Miller, 1945-1950, 18 items: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
 12. Cuthbert Hughes, 1944-1963, 30 items: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota, and St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
 13. Damien Preske, 1929-1937, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
 14. Daniel Madlon, 1934-1953, 70 items: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota, Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota, and St. Augustine Mission, Winnebago, Nebraska
 15. Edward Berheide, 1934-1939, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
 16. Felix Haug, 1930-1952, 42 items
 17. Fintan Baltz, 1931-1937, 1 folder: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
 18. George Lyon, 1951, 1 item
 19. Gerald Nilan, 1936-1952, 13 items
 20. Giles Laugel, 1935, 2 items
 21. Gregory Kunkel, 1941-1953, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota, and St. Augustine Mission, Winnebago, Nebraska

22. Gaulbert Brunzman, 1948-1965, .1 folder: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
23. Hildebrand Elliot, 1931-1952, 248 items: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota, and St. Ann Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota
24. Ildephonse Kreidler, 1940-1949, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
25. Julius Armbruster, 1945-1949, 8 items: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
26. Justin Snyder, 1931-1942, 1 folder: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
27. Lawrence Riebenthaler, 1938-1941, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
28. Louis Fuchs, 1949-1958, 1 folder: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
29. Gerald Buehlman, 1930-1937, 1 folder
30. Paul Thoma, 1942-1956, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota, and: Seven Dolors Mission, Fort Totten, North Dakota
31. Philip Ketterer, 1944-1949, 2 items
32. Philip Seib, 1938-1939, 1 folder: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
33. Pius Boehm, 1931-1935, 16 items: from Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota
34. Roger Dieckhaus, 1948-1954, 17 items: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
35. Stanislaus Maudlin, 1943-1955, 1 folder: from St. Ann Mission, Belcourt, North Dakota, and St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota
36. Sylvester Eisenman, 1931-1951, 257 items: from St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota
37. Timothy Sexton, 1934-1951, 1 folder: from St. Michael Mission, St. Michaels, North Dakota, St. Paul Mission, Marty, South Dakota, Immaculate Conception Mission, Stephan, South Dakota, and Seven Dolors Mission, Fort Totten, North Dakota

/4 Photographs

Inclusive dates: 1880s-1950s

Volume: ca. 1.0 cubic foot (545-720 prints and negatives)

Description:

- A. Members, 1880s-1950s, 200-300 prints: includes 1 folder for each Indian missionary, arranged alphabetically by last name; each file contains 1-10 prints
- B. Missions, 1880s-1950s, 4 negatives
 1. Indians of South Dakota, 6 negatives
 2. St. Ann Mission, 5 negatives
 3. St. Michael Mission, 20 negatives
 4. Immaculate Conception Mission, 4 negatives
 5. St. Paul Mission, 10 negatives
- C. "Missions," 1880s-1950s, approximately 200 pages
- D. "Indian personalities," 1880s-1910, 50-75 prints
- E. "Missionaries, Government Agents," 1880s-1910, 50-100 prints

Blue Cloud Abbey Holdings

Inclusive dates: 1874-2012, undated

Volume: Approximately 25 cubic feet

Description: Now reintegrated into the Swiss-American Congregation Archives, these records are sorted by mission and thereunder by type of record. This description was created at Blue Cloud in 1984 and updated in 2013 with an inventory provided by the Swiss-American Congregation Archives.

- A. Boxes no. 82-85: Belcourt, North Dakota, St. Ann Mission, Turtle Mountain Reservation, 1970-2012, undated, ca. 3.5 cubic feet:
1. Correspondence, 1970-1994, 1 cubic foot
 2. History book: St. Ann Centennial, 1885-1985
 3. Legal/land documents, dates not given
 4. Newsletters, 1915-1917, 1935-1943, ca. 1 cubic foot:
 - a. Bells of St. Ann, 1915-1917
 - b. Echoes (St. Ann), 1935-1943
- B. Boxes no. 58-69: Fort Totten, North Dakota, St. Michael's Church and Seven Dolores Church, Fort Totten (Devil's Lake) Reservation, 1874-2012, ca. 7.0 cubic feet:
1. Correspondence, 1886-1890, 1893, 1895, 1897, 1899, 1906-1907, 1914, 1916, 1918-1954, 1957, and 1966, .4 cubic foot: major correspondents include Reverend Vincent Wehrle, O.S.B., Reverend Jerome Hunt, O.S.B., Reverend Ambrose Mattingly, O.S.B., Reverend Edward Berheide, O.S.B., Reverend Ildephonse Kreidler, O.S.B., Abbot Fintan Mundwiler, O.S.B., Abbot Athanasius Schmitt, O.S.B., Abbot Ignatius Esser, O.S.B., Bishop John Shanley, Bishop James O'Reilly, Bishop Aloisius Muench, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 2. Chronicles, diaries, and announcement books, 1874-1966, .75 cubic foot:
 - a. Chronicles of the Soeurs grises (Montréal, Québec, Canada) (edited, typed copy), 1874-1900, 1 folder
 - b. Reverend Alan Berndt, O.S.B., daily diaries, 1956-1957, 1961-1966, 7 volumes
 - c. "Office Diary," 1945-1946, 1 volume
 - d. Diary, 1934-1940, 1 volume: author not identified
 - e. Announcement book, 1940-1944, 1 volume
 - f. Journal or chronicle (typed copy), 1874-1903, 1 volume: author not identified
 3. Sacramental records, 1874-1920, .5 cubic foot: baptisms, 1874-1907; marriages, 1875-1907; deaths, 1905-1920
 4. School records, 1874-1926, 1929-1953, .5 cubic foot: records typically include name, age, grade, parents' names and address, and dates when student entered and left school
 5. Financial records, 1896-1916, 1931-1945, 1948-1950, 1956-1972, approximately 2.5 cubic feet: include 8 general journals, a ledger, and monthly and annual financial reports
 6. Minutes of parish meetings, 1971-1981, 1 folder
 7. Subject file, 1960-1961, 1970-1971, 1.5 cubic feet: alphabetically arranged; primarily correspondence with various businesses and receipts and vouchers
 8. Publications, 1892-1971, .5 cubic foot:
 - a. Appeal form letters and mail campaign literature, 1932-1970
 - b. Announcements for Seven Dolores Church, 1938-1947
 - c. *Sinasapa Wocekiye Taeyanpaha*, 1892-1897, 1900-1901, 1905-1918, 1921-1922

- d. *Northern Lights*, 1932-1956, 1970-1971
- e. *Our Lady's Bulletin*, 1950-1952, 1958-1964

- C. Boxes no. 76-81: Marty, South Dakota, St. Paul's Mission and School, Yankton Reservation, 1920s-2012, ca. 5.5 cubic feet:
1. Correspondence, 1920s-1970s, 1.5 cubic feet: major correspondents include Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., Reverend Gaulbert Brunsman, O.S.B., Reverend George Lyon, O.S.B., Abbot Gilbert Hess, O.S.B., Abbot Alan Berndt, O.S.B., Bishop Bernard J. Mahoney, Bishop William O. Brady, Bishop Lambert A. Hoch, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; a prominent subject is the construction work at St. Paul's Mission in 1941-1942; besides St. Paul's Church, correspondence relates to St. John's School, Greenwood, South Dakota; Sacred Heart Mission, Santee, Nebraska; St. Gregory's Mission, Greenwood, South Dakota; St. Catherine of Sienna Mission, Rising Hail Colony, South Dakota; and St. Francis Solano Mission, Lake Andes, South Dakota
 2. Chronicle, 1948-1955, 138 pages
 3. History notes, 1920s-1977, 2 folders?
 4. Financial reports, 1920s-1970s, .2 cubic foot: primarily annual reports
 5. Minutes of meetings, 1948-1958, 1970s, 2 folders: School board minutes and minutes of the Boys' Unit of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 6. Personnel, 1939-1976, undated, volume undetermined:
 - a. Benedictines, 1939-1976
 - b. Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, undated
 7. Publications, 1920s-1972, .5 cubic foot:
 - a. Appeal form letters to benefactors, 1920s-1940s
 - b. *The Little Bronzed Angel*, 1929-1978
 - c. *The Catholic Sioux Herald*, 1931-1950
 8. Newspaper clippings, 1974-1978, 2 scrapbooks

- D. Boxes no. 68-76: Stephan, South Dakota, Immaculate Conception Mission and School, Crow Creek Reservation, 1887-2012, undated, 8.0 cubic feet:
1. Correspondence, 1890, 1893-1903, 1911, 1916, 1922-1923, 1940s, 1970s, .1 cubic foot: major correspondents include Reverend Pius Boehm, O.S.B., the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, and Mother Katharine Drexel, S.B.S.
 2. Diaries and journals, 1892-1959, .7 cubic foot:
 - a. Chronicles, 1891-1920, 8 volumes
 - b. Diaries of Reverend Pius Boehm, O.S.B., 1892-1930, 11 volumes (2,310 pages): handwritten, daily entries; most volumes reported missing and not at Blue Cloud Abbey in 2009; their whereabouts remain unknown.
 - c. Diaries of Reverend Louis Fuchs, O.S.B., 1949-1959, 3 volumes handwritten, daily entries
 3. School records, ca. 1888, 1 volume: School register
 4. Census record, ca. 1899, 1905, 1917, 1 volume: lists names of parents and children and their ages
 5. Financial records, 1887-1921, .75 cubic foot: records for both the Mission and the School
 6. Publications, 1902-1976, undated, 1.25 cubic feet:
 - a. Appeal form letters, 1902-1903, 1914, 1926-1947
 - b. History of Immaculate Conception Mission by Sister Marmion Maiers, O.S.B., ca. 1961
 - c. *Wopeedah*, 1934-1976
 - d. *Little Monitor*, 1915-1917
 - e. *Mission Echoes*, 1935-1943
 - f. *Chieftain*, 1957-1959, 1963

- E. Boxes 56-58: General, 1920s-2012, undated, 1.3 cubic feet:

1. Indian language records, 1920s-1940s, .15 cubic foot: primarily correspondence to and from Indians in Dakota and language study guides; many of the records were generated by Reverend Timothy Sexton, O.S.B.
2. Historical notes, clippings, and printed materials on Indians or missions, 1896-1967, undated, 1.0 cubic foot;
 - a. American Indian Culture Research Center, undated
 - b. Benedictines, undated
 - c. Bibliography: *Guide to Christian Indians of the Upper Plains*, John McMullen, O.S.B., 1969, and research notes, undated
 - d. Blue Cloud, Chief, and Naming ceremonies, undated
 - e. Conference on Indian Youth, undated
 - f. Catholic Sioux Congress, undated
 - g. Plains Indian Congress, minutes, undated
 - h. Sioux Falls Diocesan Survey of Indians, 1967
 - i. Sioux Indian Congress, 1896
 - j. Tekakwitha Conference (Indian Missionary Conference), 1939-1956, 1965
3. Winnebago, Nebraska, St. Augustine's Mission, Winnebago Reservation, publication: *The Trumpet Call*, 1945-1954, 1 folder