



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans
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**Archives of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
For Indians and Colored People**

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History: Saint Katharine Drexel, S.B.S (1858-1955) founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Philadelphia 1891. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament established and have administered over 65 Indian schools, including:

1898-present	St. Michael's Indian School (Navajo), St. Michaels, Arizona
1910-1998 (closed)	St. Catherine School (various), Santa Fe, New Mexico
1942-1969 (closed)	Immaculate Conception Day School (Osage), Pawhuska, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma
1978-present	Desert House of Prayer (Navajo), St. Michaels, Arizona

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1876-present

Volume: Approximately 113 cubic feet with an undetermined amount Native Catholic; not included are the records of St. Catherine's School, which were transferred to the archives after the school's closing in 1998.

Description: The Archives of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament administer the papers of St. Katharine Drexel and the records of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Katharine Drexel was very active in education, evangelization, and philanthropy among Native Americans in the United States, especially in the Southwest. Similarly, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament maintain a commitment to Native American education and evangelization. The documentation includes correspondence, reports, mission publications, photographs, ethnographic documents, and clippings.