



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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**Sisters of the Divine Providence of
San Antonio, Texas**

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History: The Congregation of Divine Providence, San Antonio, Texas, was established in 1866 as the Sisters of Divine Providence of San Antonio, Texas. The Congregation of Divine Providence staffed the following Catholic Indian schools in Oklahoma:

1900-1950	St. Joseph School (Otoe), Perry; few Indians only
1901-1981	St. Mary School (Ponca), Ponca City; few Indians only
1902-1945	St. Agnes School (Choctaw), Antlers
1903-1920 (no longer Indian)	Sacred Heart Institute (Cherokee), Vinita
1903-1966	Holy Family School (Cherokee, Creek, Delaware, and Yuchi), Tulsa; few Indians only
1904-1927	St. Mary of the Quapaws School (Quapaw), Quapaw
1906-1967	Sacred Heart School (Apache, Cheyenne, and Comanche), El Reno; few Indians only
1907-2002	St. Mary School (various), Lawton; few Indians only
1910-1939	St. Francis Xavier School (Osage and Pawnee), Stillwater; few Indians only
1914-1919	St. Catherine School (Choctaw), Durant
1926-1968	St. Joseph School (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Norman; few Indians only
1960-2002	Bishop Kelley High School (Osage), Tulsa; few Indians only
1904-1975	St. Pius School (Osage), Tulsa; few Indians only

From Blessed Sacrament, Lawton, Oklahoma, the Congregation of Divine Providence assisted in ministry to the Apache Indian missions attended from the following parishes in Oklahoma:

1992-1995 St. Ann Church, Elgin
1992-1995 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sterling

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1902-2005

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

Description: 6 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 "Correspondence"

Inclusive dates: 1902-1945

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of school; notable correspondents include mother superiors, bishops, school principals, Saint Katharine Drexel, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Catholic Church Extension Society.

- a. Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School, 1902-1945, 1 folder
- b. Quapaw, Oklahoma, St. Mary's School, 1904-1927, 1 folder
- c. Vinita, Sacred Heart Institute, 1903-ca. 1920, 1 folder

/2 "School Reports"

Inclusive dates: 1902-1945

Volume: .2 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of school; includes rosters of teachers and lesson plans.

- a. Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School, 1902-1945, 2 volumes
- b. Quapaw, Oklahoma, St. Mary's School, 1904-1927, 1 volume
- c. Vinita, Sacred Heart Institute, 1903-ca. 1920, 1 volume

/3 "Clippings"

Inclusive dates: 1902-2005

Volume: .2 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of school; includes *Family Circular*, a newsletter of the Congregation of Divine Providence, and *Southern Messenger*, *The Parish News*, *The Oklahoma Southwest Courier*, the *Sooner Catholic*, *Vacation Bible School Reports*, and the *Vinita Daily Journal*, re: Sisters of the Divine Providence and American Indian students at the following schools.

- a. Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School, 1902-1988, 2 folders: 70 articles
- b. Quapaw, Oklahoma, St. Mary's School, 1905-2005, 1 folder: 67 articles
- c. Vinita, Oklahoma, Sacred Heart Institute, 1903-1966, 1 folder: 67 articles; no longer Indian after 1920

/4 "Diaries and Journals"

Inclusive dates: 1902-1945

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by surname with schools served noted; excerpts in *Memoirs of Pioneer Sisters*, 1868-1926, Congregation of Divine Providence, 1994.

- a. Beier, C.D.P., Sister Bridget, Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School
- b. Brown, C.D.P., Sister Maura; Quapaw, Oklahoma, St. Mary's School

- c. Loth, C.D.P., Sister Antoinette; Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School
- d. Moynihan, C.D.P., Sister Geraldine; Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School and Quapaw, Oklahoma, St. Mary's School
- e. Wolf, C.D.P., Sister Alexandrine; Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School

/5 "Photographs/ Slides"

Inclusive dates: 1902-1945

Volume: Approximately .25 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by location of school; re: Congregation of Divine Providence and American Indian students at the following schools.

- a. Antlers, Oklahoma, St. Agnes School, 1902-1945, 1 folder
- b. Quapaw, Oklahoma, St. Mary's School, 1907-1923, 2 folders
- c. Vinita, Oklahoma, Sacred Heart Institute, 1907-ca. 1920, 2 folders

/6 "Sister Mary Elaine Gentlemann (1909-) Papers"

Inclusive dates: n.d. (1950s)

Volume: .1 cubic foot

Description: Includes hymns and piano compositions derived from Sac and Fox Indian music.