Diocese of Tulsa
OKLAHOMA, TULSA

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History: In 1972, the Diocese of Tulsa was erected for eastern Oklahoma from part of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The Tulsa Diocese reported approximately 1,000 practicing Native American Catholics in 1999. Within its area the following mission, parishes, and schools have served American Indians:

1887-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) Immaculate Conception Church (Osage), Pawhuska
1897-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Agnes Mission (Choctaw), Antlers
1902-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. William/ St. Catherine Mission (Choctaw), Durant
1913-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) Sacred Heart Church (Osage), Fairfax
1916-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Edward Mission (various), Pittsburg
1921-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. William/ Sacred Heart Church (Osage), Skiatook
1923-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) Immaculate Conception/ St. Patrick Church (Choctaw), Hugo
1925-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Ann Mission (Osage), Shidler
1925-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Joseph Mission (Cherokee), Webber’s Falls
1930-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Joseph Church (Osage), Hominy
1940-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Cecilia/ Christ the King Church (Cherokee), Claremore
1942-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Mary Mission (Osage), Barnsdell
1958-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. John the Evangelist Mission (Cherokee), Cookson
1960-present (Tulsa, 1973-present) St. Clement Church (Creek), Bixby
1982–present  
Kateri Tekakwitha Mission (Cherokee), Roland

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1847–present, n.d.

Volume: At least 2.7 cubic feet and several hundred microfiche cards

Description: The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa transferred to the Diocese of Tulsa the parish files for all active and inactive Indian missions and parishes now within the Tulsa Diocese. However, all bishops' files, priests' files, and deeds generated before 1973, and all financial and statistical reports created before 1950, remain at the Oklahoma City Archdiocesan Archives. 2 series in the Tulsa Diocesan Archives include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files
Volume: 2.7 cubic feet
Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location.
A. Antlers, St. Agnes Mission and Academy, 1897–1970, n.d., .4 cubic foot:
3. Photographs, 1900–1920, 20 prints
4. Historical notes and clippings, n.d., 1 folder
B. Cayuga, Splitlog Church, n.d., 1 folder: Historical notes and clippings
C. Durant, St. William Church, 1903–1972, n.d., .4 cubic foot:
2. Financial and statistical reports, 1951–1972, 1 folder
3. Photographs, n.d., 8 prints
D. Fairfax, Sacred Heart Church, 1926–1972, n.d., .3 cubic foot:
2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950–1972, 1 folder
3. Photographs, n.d., 4 prints
4. Clippings and historical notes, n.d., 1 folder
E. Hartshorne, Holy Rosary Church, 1910–1972, n.d., .2 cubic foot:
2. Historical notes, n.d., 1 folder
F. Hominy, St. Joseph Church, 1948–1972, .1 cubic foot:
2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1972, 1 folder

G. Hugo, Immaculate Conception Church, 1938, 1946-1972, .2 cubic foot:
2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1972, 1 folder


I. Pawhuska, Immaculate Conception Church, 1886-1970, n.d., .4 cubic foot:
2. Financial and spiritual reports, 1950-1970, 1 folder
3. Photographs, 1920s-1930s, 8 prints
4. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder

J. Pittsburg, St. Edward Church, 1912-1966, .1 cubic foot:
2. Statistical reports, 1950-1966, 1 folder

K. Quapaw, St. Mary Church, 1903, n.d., 1 folder: Historical notes, including A Trip to Quapaw June 1903 by Bishop M. Lawrence, edited and annotated by Velma Nieberding, 27 pages

L. Skiatook, St. William Church, 1919-1970, .2 cubic foot:
2. Financial and statistical reports, 1950-1960, 1 folder
3. Photographs, n.d., 3 prints
4. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder

M. Vinita, Holy Ghost Church and Sacred Heart Institute, 1894-1931, n.d., 2 folders:
2. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder

/2 Sacramental Records
Inclusive dates: 1847-1981
Volume: Several hundred microfiche cards
Description: Sacramental records (microfiche) updated every 5 years and arranged alphabetically by parish location; a multi-year indexing project began in 2006 will identify the record locations for attended missions and stations.
A. Bartlesville, St. John Church, 1906-1911, 1925-1939: includes records for St. Joseph Mission, Cleveland, and Sacred Heart Mission, Claremore
B. Bixby, St. Clement Church, 1970-1981
C. Claremore, St. Cecilia Church, 1940-1981
D. Coalgate, Blessed Sacrament Church, 1876-1925: includes St. Patrick Church, Atoka, and the Indian missions and stations attended from Coalgate, Atoka, Leigh, and St. Michael
E. Durant, St. William Church, 1912-1981
F. Eufala, St. Paul Church, 1909-1925, 1941-1942: includes the Indian missions and stations at Checotah, Tahlequah, and Webber's Falls
G. Fairfax, Sacred Heart Church, 1887-1981
I. Hominy, St. Joseph Church, 1949-1981
J. Hugo, Immaculate Conception Church, 1918-1981: includes St. Agnes Mission, Antlers
K. Krebs, St. Joseph Church, 1887-1897: includes the Indian stations on the Choctaw Reservation, Eufala, Fort Gibson, Muskogee, South Canadian River, Tahlequah, and Vinita
L. McAlester, St. John Church, 1888-1892, 1977-1981: includes the Indian missions and stations attended from McAlester
M. Miami, Sacred Heart Church, 1847-1927: includes St. Mary of the Quapaws Mission, Quapaw
N. Muskogee, Assumption Church, 1890-1969: includes the Indian missions and stations attended from Muskogee
O. Pawhuska, Immaculate Conception Church, 1887-1908, 1922-1981
Q. Sand Springs, St. Patrick Church, 1920-1932: includes Sacred Heart Mission, Claremore, and St. Joseph Mission, Cleveland
R. Sapulpa, Sacred Heart Church, 1909-1912, 1965-1973: includes the Indian stations at Claremore and Skiatook and St. Clement Mission, Bixby
S. Skiatook, St. William Church, 1921-1981
T. Stillwater, St. Francis Xavier Church, 1900-1904, 1915-1949: includes the Cleveland station, St. John the Evangelist Mission, Pawnee, and Sacred Heart Mission, Fairfax
U. Tahlequah, St. Brigid Church, 1909-1981: includes the Indian stations attended from Holy Cross Church, Wagoner, and students at the Cherokee Government Indian School
V. Tulsa, Holy Family Cathedral, 1899-1910, 1917-1920: includes the Indian missions and stations attended from Tulsa
W. Vinita, Holy Ghost Church, 1867, 1869, 1892-ca. 1920s