Diocese of Fairbanks
ALASKA, FAIRBANKS

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History: In 1894, the Prefecture Apostolic of Alaska was erected for all of present-day Alaska from a portion of the Diocese of Vancouver’s Island (now Archdiocese of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), which had been subject to the Metropolitan See of Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. The Prefecture Apostolic was subject to the Metropolitan See of Seattle and was succeeded by the Vicariate Apostolate of Alaska in 1916. In 1999, the Diocese of Fairbanks was erected for the northern half of the state. In 1900, the Prefecture Apostolic reported 2,000 baptized Native American Catholics and in 1999 the three Alaskan dioceses reported 15,700 with Fairbanks alone reporting 15,000. Fairbanks and its predecessors have administered the following Indian and Eskimo missions, parishes, and schools in Alaska:

1867-1915 (closed)
(Fairbanks, 1894-1915)
St. Stanislaus/ St. Paul the Apostle Mission
(Koyukon), Kokrines

1873-present (Fairbanks, 1894-present)
St. Michael’s Mission (Eskimo), St. Michael

1879-present (Fairbanks, 1894-1951)
St. Rose of Lima Church (Tlingit) Wrangell/
Fort Wrangell

1887-present (Fairbanks, 1894-present)
Holy Cross Mission, School and Orphange (Eskimo
and Ingalik), Holy Cross/ Koserefsky

1887-1920 (Fairbanks, 1894-1920)
St. Mary’s Mission (Eskimo and Ingalik),
Akularak

1887-present (Fairbanks, 1894-present)
St. Aloysius Mission (Eskimo and Koyukon),
Tanana

1889-1894 (closed)
(Fairbanks, 1894)
St. Alphonsus Mission and School (Eskimo),
Tununak, Nelson Island

1895-1916 (Fairbanks, 1895-1951)
Our Lady of the Mines Mission (Tlingit),
Douglas

1896-present
Our Lady of the Snows Church/ St. Peter Claver
Mission (Koyukon), Nulato

1896-1920 (closed)
Sacred Heart Mission (Koyukuk), Shagelok/
Shageluk River District

1896-present
St. Joseph Mission (Eskimo), Tununak

1899-unknown
Nulato School (Koyukon), Nulato
1899-present
St. Ignatius Mission (Eskimo), Alakanuk

1901-present
St. Joseph Church (Eskimo), Nome

1904-present (Fairbanks, 1904-1966)
Holy Name Church (Tlingit and Haida), Ketchikan

1904-1930s
Holy Family Mission (Tlingit and Haida), Metlakatla

1905-1987 (closed)
St Mary’s School (Eskimo), Akulurak

1908-present
St. Bernard Mission (Eskimo), Stebbins

1910-1920s (closed)
St Ursula’s-by-the-Sea Day School and Hospital (Eskimo), St. Michael

1912-present
St. Peter in Chains Mission (Koyukon), Ruby

1918-1940 (closed)
Pilgrim Springs Mission and Orphanage (Eskimo), Pilgrim Springs

1922-present
St. Theresa Church (Dena’ina), Nenana

1923-present
St. John Berchmans Church (Koyukon), Galena

1928-present
Little Flower of Jesus Church (Eskimo), Hooper Bay

1929-present
St. Francis Xavier Mission (Eskimo), Kotzebue

1929-1970 (closed)
St. John the Apostle Mission (Eskimo), Pimute

1930-present
Church of Mary, the Mother of God (Eskimo), Marshall

1931-1960s (closed)
St. Pius X Mission Home (Tlingit), Skagway (Fairbanks, 1931-1966)

1933-present
St. Anne/ St. Emma Mission (Eskimo), Teller

1934-present
St. Jude Mission (Eskimo), Diomede Island/Little Diomede Island

1939-present
St. Theresa Mission (Eskimo), Aniak

1939-present
St. Lawrence Church (Eskimo), Mountain Village

1943-present
Immaculate Conception Church (Eskimo), Bethel

1943-present
Sacred Heart/Immaculate Conception Church (Eskimo), Kalskag

1949-present
St. Joseph Church (Eskimo), Kotlik

1949-present
Holy Angels Mission (Eskimo and Koyukon), Unalakleet

1950-present
St Teresa/Little Flower of Jesus Church (Koyukon), Kaltag

1950-1960 (closed)
Christ the King Mission (Eskimo), King Island

1950-present
Blessed Sacrament Church (Eskimo), Scammon Bay

1951-present
Church of the Nativity/ St. Mary Mission and School (Eskimo), St. Mary

1952-present
Sacred Heart Mission (Eskimo), Chevak

1952-present
Holy Family Mission (Eskimo), Newtok

1954-present
St. Patrick Church (Eskimo), Barrow

1954-present
St. Peter Mission (Alakanuk), Sheldon Point

1959-present
St. Patrick Church (Koyukon), Koyukuk

1960-present
St. Michael Church (Eskimo), McGrath

1964-present
St. Catherine Church (Eskimo), Cheforniak

1964-present
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Eskimo), Nightmute

1964-present
St. Charles Spinola Church (Eskimo), Pilot Station

1964-present
St. Peter the Fisherman Mission (Eskimo), Toksook Bay

1966-present
St. Francis Regis/ Huslia Mission (Koyukon), Huslia

1966-1973 (closed)
Manley Mission (Koyukon), Manley

1969-present
Sacred Heart Mission (Eskimo), Emmonak
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1886-present

Volume: Estimated 12-14 cubic feet

Description: 4 series include Native Catholic records:

1. Sacramental Records
   Inclusive dates: 1887-1977
   Volume: Estimated 6-7 cubic feet (134 volumes)
   Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by name; includes baptisms, first communions, confirmations, marriages, burials, censuses, family genealogies, house diaries, and school records for parishes and schools and attended missions and stations; copies noted when included.
   e. Chevak, Sacred Heart Church, 1944-1982, 3 volumes; re: census, 1949; unidentified, 1957-1982; baptisms, 1944-1957 (Keyalucik and District); includes Kashunak

h. Hooper Bay, Little Flower of Jesus Church, 1889-1971, 7 volumes; re: baptisms, 1889-1947; baptisms, 1920-1947; unidentified, 1916-1919, 1946-1971; baptisms, 1889-1931 (Tymute); first communions, 1941-1942, marriages, 1929-1946, census (Scammon Bay), 1939, census (District), 1938, deaths, 1946 (Hooper Bay District); baptisms, 1889-1947 (Hooper Bay Ledger); baptisms, 1889-1947 (Hooper Bay to Lower Yukon)

i. King Island, Christ the King Mission, 1920-1960, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, 1947-1958; baptisms, 1920-1960, family tree (King Island Miscellaneous)

j. Kokrines, St. Stanislaus/ St. Paul the Apostle Mission and Tanana, 1907-1939, 2 volumes; re: census, Kokrines, 1907-1939 and Tanana, 1908-1933 (copy); Kokrines births, marriages, and deaths, 1920-1924

k. Kotzebue, St. Francis Xavier Church, 1929-1944, 2 volumes; re: unidentified, 1929-1944; letters and graveyard list (loose notes)

l. Koyukuk, St. Patrick Church, 1873-1904, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, 1873-1901, marriages, 1894-1904; census, 1955

m. Kozerefsky (Holy Cross), Holy Cross Mission, 1899-1919, 2 volumes; re: marriages, 1899-1919 (early Holy Cross); family trees and census, 1907-1917

n. Kushkokwim (Holy Cross), Holy Cross Mission, 1909-1918, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, confirmations, and marriages, 1909-1915 (Holy Cross); census, 1918

o. Little Diomede (Diomede), St. Jude Mission, 1937-1964, 1 volume; re: baptisms and marriages, 1937-1964

p. Mary’s Igloo and Little Diomede (Diomede), St. Jude Mission, 1904-1964, 1 volume (copy); re: Mary’s Igloo unidentified, 1904-1938 and Little Diomede (Diomede), St. Jude Mission, 1937-1964


t. Nome (St. Mary’s Igloo), 1910-1951, 1 volume; re: unidentified, 1910-1951
v. Nulato: Koyukuk and Kaltag, 1901-1921, 1 volume; re: Deaths
w. Pilot Station, St. Charles Spinola Church, 1914-1940, 2 volumes; re: unidentified, 1914-1940; confirmations, marriages, and deaths, 1921-1939
x. Pimute, St. John the Apostle Church, 1934-1950, 2 volumes; re: families with sacraments, 1934 and census, 1940-1950
y. Ruby, St. Peter in Chains Church and Kokrines, 1907-1939, 1 volume; re: baptisms and deaths
z. St. Marys, St. Mary’s School, n.d., 1 volume; re: index of families with students
bb. Tanana, St. Aloysius Church and Kokrines, 1910-1933, 1 volume; re: unidentified
cc. Tununak (Nelson Island), St. Joseph Church, 1934-1965, 2 volumes; re: baptisms, 1934-1959; baptisms (copies, 1959-1965

/2 School Records
Inclusive dates: 1951-1984
Volume: Estimated 1-2 cubic feet
Description: Transcripts for St. Mary’s High School, St. Marys; other school records filed by parish with sacramental records.

/3 Photographs
Inclusive dates: 1890s-present
Volume: Estimated 5 cubic feet (approximately 5,000 items)
Description: Prints, negatives, and slides arranged alphabetically by place and there under by event and/or ethnic group with oral history data recorded on the versos of many prints; inventory not available in 2006.

/4 Diocesan Newsletter
Inclusive dates: 1960-present
Volume: Many articles
Description: The Alaskan Shepherd, http://www.cbna.info/shepherd/shepherd.html, reports regularly on American Indians and Eskimos and Catholic evangelization in the diocese; archived online, 2000-present.