



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: Established in ca. 1978 by a School Sister of Notre Dame, the Diocese of Phoenix, Office of Native American Ministry has administered the sacramental records for the missions and parishes of the Gila River and Salt River Reservations and San Lucy.

History of St. John the Baptist Church and School

1897-1909	Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and administered St. John the Baptist Church (Pima), Laveen/ Komatk or Komatke, Gila River Reservation, from Immaculate Conception, Phoenix
1898-1901	Franciscans from Immaculate Conception, Phoenix established and administered St. John the Baptist School (Pima)
1901-1930	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (Los Angeles Province, Los Angeles, California) staffed the school
1910-present 1931-1936	Franciscans have administered St. John's Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (Orange, California) staffed the school
1938-1990 (closed)	Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) staffed the school (now Apache, Pima, and Tohono O'odham)
1980-1990 (closed)	Christian Brothers (San Francisco Province, Napa, California) also staffed the school

Franciscans from St. John's attended the following Indian missions:

1910-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Anthony Mission (Pima), Sacaton, Gila River Reservation
1912-1930 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Phoenix)	St. Francis Assisi of Mission (Pima), Salt River, Salt River Reservation
1913-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Francis Mission (Maricopa), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation

1915 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Ajo)	Ss. Simon and Jude Mission (Tohono O'odham), Gila Bend
1910-1940 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Anne Mission (Pima), Santan, Gila River Reservation
1910-1949 (transferred to St. Peter's, Sacaton)	St. Michael Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River

1949-present	St. Michael Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Sacaton Flats, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	St. Paschal Mission (Maricopa and Pima), Blackwater, Gila River Reservation
1949-present	St. Peter Mission (Pima), Casa Blanca, Gila River Reservation
1938-1998 (transferred to St. John's, Laveen)	St. Francis Mission (Maricopa), Ak-chin, Ak-chin Reservation

History of St. Francis of Assisi Mission

ca. 1900-1930 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Phoenix)	Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Santa Barbara Province, Oakland, California) established and attended St. Francis of Assisi Mission (Pima), Salt River, Salt River Reservation, from St. John's, Laveen
1972-1979	Diocesan priests attended St. Francis from St. Margaret, Tempe
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2. Laveen, St. John Church and its attended Indian missions: Baptisms, 1901-present, 6 volumes, in Latin to 1912; first communions, 1994-present, 1 volume; confirmations, 1902-present, 2 volumes; marriages, 1902-present, 3 volumes; and burials, 1912-present, 2 volumes
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