



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans

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History: In 1952, the Archdiocese of Chicago began its first apostolate to Chicago-area Native Americans (Ojibwa, Navajo, et.al.) in Uptown Chicago. It founded the Aniwim Center in 1982, later renamed the St. Kateri Center.

History of the St. Kateri Center of Chicago

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| 1982 | Local Native American elders, with assistance from two Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary (Sinsinawa, Wisconsin), established the Anawim Center in Uptown as an outreach ministry to the diverse local Native American population with members from 250 tribes |
| 1982-2011 | The Dominican Sisters administered the center and were followed by a Franciscan sister and successive Native American lay directors; sacramental records were recorded at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church |
| 2012-present | Renamed the St. Kateri Center of Chicago, it relocated to the campus St. Benedict parish where subsequent sacramental records have been recorded |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1982-present

Volume: Less than 1 cubic foot

Description: The St. Kateri Center holds memorabilia about its history and a copy of sacramental records from St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 1982-2011.