Suggested Reading for Catholic Northwest History

The purpose of this bibliography is to list several resources currently in print and on film regarding Catholic Northwest history. Included are publications, audiovisual materials, and manuscripts. While some of the materials listed may only contain limited references to a particular topic, these are often the only references available. Additionally, books regarding national Catholic history that will assist a researcher in placing local events into national context, are listed at the end of the Publications section.

This bibliography does not include monographs, pamphlets, or newspaper articles located in the Archdiocesan Archives as such, nor does it contain the parish histories.

Locations: AA, Archdiocesan Archives (non-circulating); LMC, Archdiocesan Library/Media Center (circulating); and UW, University of Washington.

Publications

A brief biography of Mother Joseph (Sisters of Providence), as well as the legislation authorizing the installment of the statue in the US Capitol rotunda.

Historical sketches of the Catholic Church in Oregon during the first forty years (1838-1878) by Fr. Blanchet. Also contains an account of the murder of Dr. Whitman and other missionaries by the Cayuse Indians of Oregon in 1847 by J. B. A. Brouillet.

Sketch of the territory of Oregon and its missions, followed by letters of the sisters of Notre Dame and an explanation of the Catholic Ladder.

Details Jesuit missionary activities West of the Rockies and in the Pacific Northwest.

Blanchet, Francis Xavier. Dix Ans Sur La Cote Du Pacifique; Par Uw Missionnaire Canadian, En Faveur D’une Bonnie Oeuvre. Impr. De L. Brousseau, 1873. Location: UW


Contains portraits of Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen and Mother Joseph.

Chronicles a 12-month period in Catholic America. Includes references to Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen.

History of Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Bellevue, Washington.


Essays and biographical sketches of religion in Washington State.


An anecdotal list of historic names of schools in Washington State.


Pictoral essay of Filipinos—the largest Catholic Asian-American group—in America and the Pacific Northwest.

A history of Oblate Missionary activity in the Northwest.

Crosby, Laurence E. *Kuilk Metatcopun: Black Robe Three-Times-Broken*. Wallace Times Press, 1925. Location: UW
A biography of Joseph Cataldo, S.J..

A history of Seattle University.

Accounts of De Smet’s missionary work in the Rocky Mountains.

Reports on Indian Missions under the care of the Missouri province of the Society of Jesus.

Correspondence from P. J. De Smet, SJ, to various recipients regarding his missionary work.

Garraghan, Gilbert J. *The Jesuits of the Middle United States*. America Press, 1938. Location: UW
Volume II contains information regarding Jesuit missionary activity in the Pacific Northwest.

Garraghan, Gilbert J. *Chapters in Frontier History: Research Studies in the Making of the West*. The Bruce Publishing Company, 1934. Location: UW
Western frontier history including Catholic missionaries De Smet and Nicholas Point.

Gleason, Mary, S.P. *He Has Given Me a Flame*. Sisters of Providence, 1992. Location: AA
A biography of Mother Joseph, with an additional emphasis on the foundation of the Order and the other foundresses accompanying her.

An ethnographic monograph of the culture and ways of life of the various tribes who became Catholic such as the Tulalip and Lummi tribes.
This history of the Catholic Ladder contains a brief overview of the development of the Sahale Stick into the Catholic Ladder, as well as an overview of several "editions" of the Ladder.

The overland crossing of A.M.A. Blanchet, Bishop of Walla Walla, from Montreal to Oregon Territory, March 23, 1847 to January 23, 1851.

An account of Charles Pandosy, a missionary to the Yakima Indians in the 1850s.

Translations of journals and letters of Jean Baptiste Zacharie Bolduc, a missionary to the Indians in Oregon Territory.

Jesuit missionary activity among the Indians of the Northwest.

A collection of correspondence and notices of Fathers Blanchet, Demers, Bolduc and Langlois. Details missionary activities from 1838 to 1847.

Sketches of one woman’s travels throughout the Puget Sound area.

A biography of Mother Joseph.


Lyons, Letitia M.. *Francis Norbert Blanchet and the Founding of the Oregon Missions*. Catholic University Press, 1940. Location: UW

MacLeod, Xavier Donald, Rev.. *History of the Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in North America*. John B. Piet & Co., 1882. Location: AA
Details the growth of Catholicism in the early history of the Northwest.

Biography of Mother Joseph, Sisters of Charity of Providence.

Sacramental records, including baptisms, marriages and burials kept by Fathers F. N. Blanchet and Modeste Demers.

A brief account of Bishop F. N. Blanchet’s life ending with his arrival in the Northwest.

A study of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and their missionary activity along Puget Sound.


Provides an historical overview of architecture in Seattle; several architects, including Mother Joseph and Breitung and Buchinger, were responsible for designing and building several Catholic institutions and churches.

The lives and deeds of Catholic missionaries during the pioneer days of Oregon.

Early Catholic missions in the Pacific Northwest.


A photographic essay on early Washington churches which reflect the varying backgrounds of the early settlers in this area.
Companion publication to the exhibition Sacred Encounters organized by Washington State University. Provides an overview of the encounter between Jesuit missionaries and the Salish in present-day northwestern Montana and northern Idaho.

An account of the development of missionary activity in Eastern Washington, specifically in the Okanogan and Central and Upper Columbia Valleys.

Rockafellar, Nancy and Haviland, James (ed.). *Saddlebags to Scanners: The First 100 Years of Medicine in Washington State*. Washington State Medical Association, 1989. Location: UW
Contains information regarding Mother Joseph and the Sisters of Providence.

Translated, annotated and introduced by W. Victor Wortley. An account of Father Louis Rossi during his years on the West Coast.


A chronicle of Catholic missions in the Northwest during 1743 to 1960.


Location: AA, LMC
Brief histories of the first three bishops of the Archdiocese of Seattle.


A history of the Province history from its pioneer beginnings to the building of parishes, high schools and universities.


A history of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Foreword by Emmett Watson.

*The Institute of Providence: History of the Daughters of Charity, Servants of the Poor, Known as the Sisters of Providence.* Montreal, Providence Mother House. 1949. Location: LMC

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. *Gleanings of Fifty Years: The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in the Northwest, 1859-1909.* Location: UW
Early history of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and Catholic education in the Northwest.

Traces the life of Charles John Seghers, whose activities centered on establishing the Catholic faith among the whites of the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska.

A history of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Extensive appendices.


**American Catholic History Resources**


**Audiovisuals**

Location: Archdiocesan Library and Media Center


A broad overview of the colorful history of the Catholic Church in Western Washington, including Native American spirituality, the early missionaries and the changing face of our church.

*Circle of the Spirit*. USCC, 1990. 60 minutes.

Traces two northwestern Native American tribes: the Coeur d’Alene of Idaho and the Lummi of Washington State. Tribal members tell of the coming of the Jesuit "Black Robes" in 1837 and the tensions that have existed between acceptance of Christian beliefs and their traditional tribal spirituality. Archbishops Raymond Hunthausen and Thomas Murphy are featured.


The second lecture in the Waves of Faith series produced on May 30, 1992. David Buerge presents an overview of Northwest Native American spirituality as it encountered Roman Catholicism.


The third lecture in the Waves of Faith series produced June 27, 1992. Frederico and Dorothy Cordova present an overview and update of the 1977 report on Catholic Minorities in the Archdiocese of Seattle, as well as an overview of Northwest Filipino history.
A pictorial collection of stories about Seattle, depicting before-and-after landscapes of the area from 1851 to 1941 (including the building, burning down and reconstruction of St. James Cathedral).

My Soul Proclaims: Voices of Catholic Women. USCC, 1992. 60 minutes.  
A presentation of historical and contemporary contributions of Catholic women in the Church and society. Features Jeanette Rodriguez of Seattle University.

Mission to the Rockies. Washington State University, 1993. 9 minutes.  
A compilation of graphite sketches and watercolors depicting the journey of Fr. Pierre Jean De Smet, SJ, and other Jesuit missionaries from Missouri to the Northern Rockies in 1841.

A compilation of Real to Reel segments regarding Chief Seattle, Seattle’s first Mass, and canoe travel on Puget Sound.

A compilation of Real to Reel segments regarding the historical significance of locations such as Salmon Bay, Licton Springs Park, and the Duwamish and Cedar Rivers.

A compilation of Real to Reel segments regarding the activities of missionary priests on Whidbey Island and at Suquamish.

A discussion regarding the development of the Catholic and Protestant Ladders featuring David Buerge and David Nicandri, Director of the Washington State Historical Society.

Part of the Waves of Faith lecture series, produced June 9, 1994. Loretta Greene, archivist for the Sisters of Providence, provides an overview of the order’s presence in the Northwest from 1856. Also included within this presentation is the video "Mother Joseph: A Sister of Providence."

Part of the Waves of Faith lecture series produced May 19, 1994. David Buerge provides an overview of the history of the presence and charisms of the Edmonds Dominicans in the Archdiocese of Seattle since 1890.
Mother Joseph, A Sister of Providence. 1994. 20 minutes. Sisters of Providence. A short history of Mother Joseph and her accomplishments as a women religious pioneer in the Oregon Territory. She established hospitals, schools, and orphanages throughout the Northwest.

The People Today. The DeSmet Project, Washington State University, 1993. 13 minutes. Salish and Coeur d’Alene tribal members examine the impact of the Catholic Church on the tribes of the Plateau and Northern Rockies since the arrival of Catholic missionaries in the mid-19th century.

Manuscripts
Location: Archives of the Archdiocese of Seattle

Blanchet: Collections Made in Mexico, 1851-1852. Sister Peter Mary McEnnis, S.H.N.

Blanchet and the Providence. Sister Augustinus Rohr.


Eugene Casimir Chirouse, O.M.I. and the Indians of Washington. Sister Mary Louise, O.P.


Dominican Sisters: Some Highlights of the First Year At Monte Virgine. Sister M. Bernadine, O.P.


Bishop Aegidius Junger. Sister M. Eileen Rose Kelley.

Bishop Aegidius Junger. Sister Rose Amata, F.C.S.P.

Sisters of Notre Dame At French Prairie. Sister Evelyn Maty Pillette, S.H.N.


Rt. Rev. Francis Xavier Prefontaine, Seattle’s Pioneer Priest. Sister March Olivet Barky, O.S.F.


Providence Hospital, 1877-1909. Sister Anna Clare Duggar, F.C.S.P.

Sacred Heart Church and School, 1884-1895. Sister Stanislaus Mary Morgan, S.H.N.

St. Edward’s School, 1911-1941. Sister Mary Rita Flanagan, O.P.

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Yakima, Washington, 1891-1950. Sister Anna Clare Duggar, F.C.S.P.

St. Francis Xavier Mission, 1838-1880. Sister M. John Francis Taylor, S.H.N.

St. James Cathedral Parochial School. Author Unknown.


St. Joseph’s Academy, Yakima, Washington, 1875-1950. Sister Anna Clare Duggar, F.C.S.P.

St. Mary’s Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington, 1880-1915. Sister Anna Clare Duggar, F.C.S.P.

St. Peter Claver Center in Interracial Apostolate. Sister Wilfred Marie Brenner, F.C.S.P.

Chief Sealth Or Seattle (1786-1866): In the Letters of the First Christian Missionaries of the Puget Sound. A. Felix Verwilghen, C.I.C.M.


Ursuline Foundation in the Diocese of Seattle: Seattle, Everett, Mukilteo. Mother M. Benedict Griffin, O.S.U.


Whitman Massacre: A Controversial Subject. Sister Anna Maureen, F.C.S.P.

An Annotated Bibliography of Sources Relating to the Archdiocese of Seattle and Its Bishops From the Time of Its Erection to the Present. Sister Julie Therese Weber.
A History of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Sister Mary Alphonsa O’Sullivan, O.P.

Location: University of Washington


Catholics and the Missions of the Pacific Northwest, 1826-1853. George L. Thomas.