

Information for Genealogical Researchers

The archives of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis house microfilm copies of baptism, marriage, and death records for most parishes in the counties of Ramsey, Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Rice, Scott, Washington, and Wright. We do not, as a rule, have copies of first communion, confirmation, or burial records.

Sacramental records are not public records. However, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis recognizes that sacramental records have value to family historians and we therefore make nearly 100 years' worth of sacramental records available to genealogists as a service of the Archdiocese. **Records created before January 1, 1917 are available for genealogy research, except in cases where particular records are restricted by canon law.**

To protect confidentiality, all genealogical research is done by archives staff. No genealogical research is done by parishes. We cannot accommodate on-site researchers. If the sacramental record you are looking for is located in the Archdiocesan archives, you will receive a scanned copy of the register entry.

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis offers a fee-based genealogy research service. **The cost is \$30 for up to three searches.** This fee covers the cost of staff time to search our records, and supports the ongoing microfilming of sacramental records. You are responsible for this fee whether or not staff locate the record you are seeking. You may pay online via credit card once your order is reviewed and approved. We no longer accept cash or personal checks.

In order to process your request we must have three pieces of information: Name of the person you are searching for, the parish where the sacrament was conferred, and the approximate date of the sacrament. Because there is no index to all of the names in all of our sacramental registers, we must know in which parish's registers to locate the record.

To submit an online request via the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis go to:

<http://www.archspm.org/sections/genealogical-research-request/>