



Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Office of Historic-Artistic Patrimony & Archives
Genealogical/Family History Research Policy

Genealogical/family researchers must contact the Archdiocesan Archives, 223 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, NM, 87501, telephone (505) 983-3811 to inquire about genealogical and/or family history research projects. Archdiocesan parishes *should not be consulted or requested to perform* genealogy and or family research projects. Genealogical/family researchers must contact the Archdiocesan Archives for ancestry inquiries pertaining to genealogy and family research

All active (current) sacramental record registers in use at Archdiocesan parishes are *restricted* classified records and are to be used for genealogical and/or family research projects.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe does not re-issue sacramental certificates for the deceased for genealogical and or family history research projects. The Archdiocesan Archives issues a certified copy of the original microfilmed record for genealogical and or family history research projects. Archdiocesan.

Sacramental Record Requests through the Archdiocesan Archives

In ca. 1950 Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne enabled the microfilming of Archdiocesan records including sacramental records (Baptism, Marriage, Death). The microfilmed records for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe were made available to all genealogical or family history researchers for the time frame ca. 1700 to ca. 1950. All sacramental records after 1950 are restricted by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and not permitted for genealogical and/or family history research projects.

The Archdiocesan Archives can conduct a *one person* record sacramental record search utilizing the microfilmed records for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The time frame of archival records is from ca. 1678 to ca. 1950. The searches are limited to a 2-hour search and \$20 research fee and the Archdiocesan Archives will not conduct extensive family research.

To request a search using the assistance of the Archdiocesan Archives, the Archdiocesan Sacramental Record request form on the Archdiocesan website must be filled out and sent in with the \$20 research fee (check or money order made payable to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe), signed sacramental record form, and proof of identification (copy of government issued picture ID of the requester).

Requests should be made by regular United States Postal Service mail to the Archdiocesan Archives 223 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, NM 87501, please call (505) 983-3811 for questions.

As of December 2020, the Archdiocesan Archives no longer provides in-house research opportunities and search requests must be made in writing. The Archdiocesan Archives does not accept e-mailed requests or credit card payments for search requests. Turnaround time for sacramental record requests and historical research requests is roughly five to eight weeks for



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response. All research requests will receive a written response from the Archdiocesan Archives regarding the requested search results.

The Archdiocesan Archives does not perform extensive genealogical/ family history research and recommends the use of the microfilmed records for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe ca. 1678 to ca. 1950 that are available at various state of New Mexico and local government libraries, and nationwide family history centers. The following repositories have copies of the microfilmed records for the Archdiocese and are generally open by appointment for researchers:

State of New Mexico Records Center & Archives
205 Camino Carlos Rey
Santa Fe, NM 87507
<https://www.srca.nm.gov/contacts/>

New Mexico Highlands University Library
Thomas C. Donnelly Library
9th and National
Las Vegas, NM 87701
<https://www.nmhu.edu/library/contact-the-library/>

University of New Mexico
Center for Southwest Research
(Zimmerman Library)
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131
<https://elibrary.unm.edu/cswr/>

Albuquerque Public Library- Special Collections
423 Central NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
<https://abqlibrary.org/specialcollections>

National Hispanic Cultural Center
1701 4th Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
<https://www.nhccnm.org/>

LDS family History centers
throughout the United States
<http://www.familysearch.com>