

**[Access to Catholic Records: A True Success Story](http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Catholic%20Records2.pdf)** at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Catholic%20Records2.pdf>

From **Findmypast**: "The Catholic church maintains a very strict protocol governing access to their records and how they might be digitized. **Findmypast** were uniquely able to fulfil their requirements and open the door for your access to these records." Check out [this Findmypast blog article](https://www.findmypast.com/blog/help/your-catholic-heritage-archive-questions-answered) at <https://www.findmypast.com/blog/help/your-catholic-heritage-archive-questions-answered> for details on the Catholic Heritage Archive and the resources it provides, as well as the [Catholic pages](https://www.thefhguide.com/faiths-catholic.html) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/faiths-catholic.html> in Faiths section of The Family History Guide. (See all [tips](https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html) at <https://www.thefhguide.com/tip-of-the-day.html>.)



### **Closing Comments** *with the Power of Prayer, Fasting and Dedication*

When I started family history over 50 years ago, I immediately started gathering civil and church records in America to provide information for original research purposes in preparation for researching my Eastern European ancestors where I had very sparse information about. This research was accomplished before personal computers and Internet were readily available so I gathered Ma Bell phone books from all over the country. Fortunately my surname is not very common and I knew what areas of the USA to get the phone books from and they were all FREE. Consequently I was able to find Catholic churches and cemeteries in the Yellow Pages as well as potential relatives and wrote "blind letters" to them.

But when it was time to do research my maternal grandmother in Poland, I ran into a "brick wall." I knew both where she was born and when. But the Polish communist government wouldn't give me any information. And didn't know how/who to contact the Catholic Church in her village directly since I could not write in Polish and did not have the language skills to call a remote parish priest at significant international phone rates. In fact the Polish government ultimately wanted to charge me \$100 for a single baptismal certificate that they never found.

In 1996, I took my entire family to Eastern Europe and was able to visit the villages that my ancestors originated from in order to network with the local priests. And yes, I got a little bit more family history information in subsequent trips in 1998 and 2001 than I previously had. However, the biggest event was on my fourth Eastern European trip in 2009 when I hired an awesome professional Polish genealogist. We then traveled together to Poland and visited the same villages and churches. And to my pleasant surprise, my professional genealogist genuinely has the "Gift of Tongues." Six months later, he was able to convince the priests that I was doing genealogy for family history purposes and he visited them all again without my wife and I. Consequently the priests of three neighboring villages opened up all their books to my genealogist and the genealogist was able to ascertain generations of additional information that were not previously available either by Church microfilms or through the Polish government. To this present day I am indebted to that genealogist because he still continues to do original family history work for me in other areas of Poland and now in the Czech Republic as well through the power of prayer, fasting and dedication to this genealogical work. Below are the blue mimeograph copies of both the cover letter and previous sample data list compiled to simulate interest. It worked as I receive new information. Note: My research

covered many USA states and several Canadian provinces. And all individuals listed in the 1970's are now deceased. My timing was very pertinent.



**More Primary Resources Available:** *click on the posted historic church photos for full-size images*

For those of you who desire more tips and tricks of how to access Catholic Church records, below are a synopsis of web postings that have an abundance of genealogical research information.

### [Ancestry is the source for Catholic records](#)

<https://www.ancestry.com/cs/catholic#:~:text=for%20Catholic%20records.&text=Our%20Catholic%20collection%20is%20made,roots%20in%20your%20family%20tree.>

Catholic heritage today. Long before most governments started keeping civil records, Roman Catholic clergy were dutifully recording names and ...

### [A Genealogists Guide to Using Catholic Records | Legacy Tree](#)

<https://www.legacytree.com/blog/catholic-records-genealogy-research>

A Genealogist's Guide to **Using Catholic Records** in Genealogy Research · Parish registers are most likely to be written in the language of the ...

### [Roman Catholic Church in the United States • FamilySearch](#)

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Roman\\_Catholic\\_Church\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Roman_Catholic_Church_in_the_United_States)

However, if you know the **parish** and rough years of the name you are looking for, you may be able to find it **using** our index. Locating **records** in this unique ...

**By State:** Alabama · Alaska · Arizona · Arkansas ...

**Major; Religion:** Adventist · Amish · Anabaptist · ...

Finding Records · Look for online records. · Information in Records

### [New England Catholic Church Records - American Ancestors](#)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/new-england-catholic-records>

**Catholic Records** | Finding and **Accessing Records** | Resources at NEHGS ... Some marriage **records** may contain the baptism date and **parish** if one or both were ...

### [How to look for records of... Catholics - The National Archives](#)

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/catholics/>

Find a list of all the **catholic registers** we hold **using** an advanced search of our catalogue, searching with '**catholic**' and restricting the search to **record** ...

Catholic baptism, marriage and burial registers · Catholic recusants

[Catholic records - trace family tree | findmypast.com](https://www.findmypast.com)  
<https://www.findmypast.com/page/catholic-records>

Only at Findmypast, you can **access** church **records** from the dioceses of Birmingham, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Southwark and Westminster. Each collection includes ...

[Sacramental Registers and Records - Diocese of Sacramento](https://www.scd.org/tribunal/sacramental-registers-and-sacramental-records)  
<https://www.scd.org/tribunal/sacramental-registers-and-sacramental-records>

Sacramental **Registers** in Parishes · Sending Notification to **Parish** of Baptism · Finding Your Sacramental **Records** · **Obtaining Records** from a **Parish** · **Records** from ...

[Catholic parish registers - National Library of Ireland](https://www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx)  
<https://www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx>

Unlike many other **records**, **parish registers** provide evidence of direct links between one generation and the next (via baptismal **registers**) and one family and ...

[3 Strategies for Finding Catholic Church Records - Genealogy ...](https://lisalouisecooke.com/2016/01/31/catholic-church-records/)  
<https://lisalouisecooke.com/2016/01/31/catholic-church-records/>

Look for ancestors' parents in **Catholic** church **records**. ... (Click here to learn more about **using** Family History Library resources wherever ...

[Accessing European Church Records - St. Louis County Library](https://www.slcl.org/content/accessing-european-church-records)  
<https://www.slcl.org/content/accessing-european-church-records>

The Family History Library is not the only organization making church **records** available. Ancestry.com has some German, Irish, English, and other **parish records** ...

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