

Jesuit Aboriginal Mission

1882 –

Details

The Jesuit Aboriginal Mission was the governing body of all missions in the Northern Territory established by Jesuit missionaries. The Jesuit Aboriginal Mission operated in the Northern Territory from 1882 to the closure of its last mission in 1899. In 1901 the Jesuit Aboriginal Mission became part of the Jesuit Australian Mission.

The Jesuit Aboriginal Mission was the name given to the group of Austrian Jesuits who left Sevenhill, South Australia in order to establish missions in the Northern Territory.

Jesuits belong to the Society of Jesus, a Catholic religious order formed near Paris in 1534. The first group of Jesuits came to Australia from Austria in 1848, arriving in Adelaide. Jesuit missionaries travelled to the Northern Territory in 1882 and were the first Catholic religious order to begin mission work there.

Jesuit missionary activity in the Northern Territory ended when the St Joseph's Mission, Daly River closed in 1899. The Jesuit Aboriginal Mission became part of a larger group known as the Australian Mission in 1901.

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