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## ***Points to the Past*** – Finding Primary Source Documents for your Research Assignments








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### How to search?

Select a database of your choice and put in your search terms.

**\* Remember: Start with a general search in order to see the range of resources available \***



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## Example:

Database selected: **Gale Artemis database**

Search terms: **Catholic Mission**

Results: **LOTS!** 1, 227 monographs (= books), 490 manuscripts, 10, 577 newspapers, 4 magazines, 8 photographs, 24 maps, 15 archived newspapers (unbound).

The screenshot shows the Gale Artemis Primary Sources interface. At the top, it says "BC - Points to the Past" with links for "Change Resources" and "Return to my library". Below this is a navigation bar with "Resource Links", "Sign In", "English", and "Tools". The main header features the Gale Artemis logo, a search bar with "Searching 26 of 26 Databases", and a search input field containing "Search primary sources". A "Bookmark" button is visible on the right.

The search results are displayed under the heading "Search results: Basic Search= catholic mission". A "Content Types" sidebar on the left lists various categories with their respective counts:

Content Type	Count
Monographs	1,227
Manuscripts	490
Newspapers & Periodicals	10,577
Magazines	4
Photographs	8
Maps	24
Archives Unbound Newspapers	15

The main results area is titled "Monographs" with a link to "View All 1,227". Two results are shown:

- The present state of the Catholic mission, conducted by the ex-Jesuits in North-America. By the Rev. Patrick Smyth**  
Smyth, Patrick  
Dublin : printed by P. Byrne, No. 108, Grafton-Strett, M.DCC.LXXXVIII. [1788]. 48 pp.  
From *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*  
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