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**Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Chile and Peru (15 to 22 January 2018) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Chile and Peru as of 31 December 2015 (from the Central Office for Church Statistics)

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The following are some statistical data relating to the situation of the Catholic Church in Chile and Peru as of 31 December 2015:

**Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure**

	<b>Chile</b>	<b>Peru</b>
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	756,626	1,285,216
Population (in thousands)	18,006	31,152

Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	24	24
Catholics (in thousands)	13,329	27,911
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	74.0	89.6
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	27	45
Parishes	960	1,645
Other pastoral centres	3,779	6,303
Catholics per pastoral centre	2,813	3,512

**Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate**

	<b>Chile</b>	<b>Peru</b>
Bishops ( <i>Situation on 15.12.2017</i> )	50	68
Diocesan priests	1,175	2,088
Religious priests	1,108	1,273
Total priests	2,283	3,361
Permanent deacons	1,138	65
Men religious (other than priests)	546	422
Professed women religious	4,006	5,568
Members of secular Institutes	472	179
Lay missionaries	1,473	11,120
Catechists	43,547	51,367

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

	<b>Chile</b>	<b>Peru</b>
Catholics per priest	5,838	8,304
Catholics per pastoral worker	249	387
Priests per pastoral centre	0.48	0.42
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	4.36	4.75

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

	<b>Chile</b>	<b>Peru</b>
Minor seminarians	39	689
Major seminarians	568	1,539
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	3.15	4.94
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	4.26	5.51

Major seminarians per 100 priests	24.88	45.79
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**Table 5 – Educational centres owned / managed by ecclesiastics or religious**

	<b>Chile</b>	<b>Peru</b>
<b>Schools:</b>		
Pre-school and primary	957	995
Lower middle and secondary	597	524
Higher and university	27	90
<b>Students in:</b>		
Pre-school and primary schools	258,366	248,171
Lower middle and secondary schools	392,582	196,165
Higher and university institutes	321,105	68,768

**Table 6 – Charitable and social centres owned / managed by ecclesiastics or religious**

	<b>Chile</b>	<b>Peru</b>
Hospitals	18	38
Clinics	39	323
Leper colonies	1	4
Homes for the elderly and disabled	318	90
Orphanages and nurseries	205	244
Family consultation centres	30	145
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	43	36
Other institutions	447	581

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