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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Panama for the 34th World Youth Day (23-28 January 2019) - Statistics

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Panama 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 Panama as of 31 December 2015:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km ²)	75,517
Population (in thousands)	4,098
Density (inhabitants/km ²)	54

Catholics (in thousands)	3,629 ²
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	88.6
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	8
Parishes	194
Other pastoral centres	164
Catholics per pastoral centre	10,080

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

Bishops ¹	15
Diocesan priests	234
Religious priests	186
Total priests	420
Permanent deacons	81
Men religious (other than priests)	49
Professed women religious	450
Members of secular Institutes	10
Lay missionaries	4,209
Catechists	1,960

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Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

Catholics per priest	8,640
Catholics per pastoral worker	504
Priests per pastoral centre	1.2
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	6.0

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

Minor seminarians	20
Major seminarians	200
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	4.88

Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	5.52
Major seminarians per 100 priests	47.62

Table 5 – Educational centres owned / managed by ecclesiastics or religious**Schools:**

Pre-school and primary	90
Lower middle and secondary	42
Higher and university	-

Students in:

Pre-school and primary schools	12,952
Lower middle and secondary schools	14,331
Higher and university institutes	-

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

Hospitals	4
Homes for the elderly and disabled	6
Orphanages and nurseries	9
Family consultation centres	2
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	1
Other institutions	6
