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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Thailand and Japan (19 to 26 November 2019) - Statistics

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Thailand and Japan as of 31 December 2017 (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 Thailand and Japan as of 31 December 2017:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

	Thailand	Japan
Area (km ²)	513,115	377,829
Population (in thousands)	65,522	126,786

Density (inhabitants/km ²)	128	336
Catholics (in thousands)	389	536
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	0.59	0.42
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	11	16
Parishes	502	859
Other pastoral centres	566	102
Catholics per pastoral centre	365	558

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

	Thailand	Japan
Bishops ¹	16	29
Diocesan priests	523	511
Religious priests	312	896
Total priests	835	1,407
Permanent deacons	-	29
Men religious (other than priests)	123	173
Professed women religious	1,461	4,976
Members of secular Institutes	57	174
Lay missionaries	221	5
Catechists	1,901	1,307

[1] Situation on 30.09.2019

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

	Thailand	Japan
Catholics per priest	446	381
Catholics per pastoral worker	84	66
Priests per pastoral centre	0.78	1.46
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	18.4	17.7

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

	Thailand	Japan
Minor seminarians	771	33
Major seminarians	306	80
Major seminarians per 100,000	0.47	0.06

inhabitants

Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	78.6	14.9
Major seminarians per 100 priests	36.65	5.69

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

	Thailand	Japan
Schools:		
Pre-school and primary	253	575
Lower middle and secondary	163	183
Higher and university	10	57
Students in:		
Pre-school and primary schools	319,515	83,517
Lower middle and secondary schools	147,034	67,508
Higher and university institutes	22,149	53,310

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

	Thailand	Japan
Hospitals	4	29
Clinics	8	10
Leper colonies	-	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	26	274
Orphanages and nurseries	115	236
Family consultation centres	7	3
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	11	21
Other institutions	19	33
