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## **Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Cyprus and Greece (2 to 6 December 2021) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Cyprus and Greece as of 31 December 2019 (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 Cyprus and Greece as of 31 December 2019:

### Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

|                           | <b>Cyprus</b> | <b>Greece</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Area (km <sup>2</sup> )   | 9,251         | 131,957       |
| Population (in thousands) | 850           | 10,867        |

|                                        |       |       |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> ) | 92    | 82    |
| Catholics (in thousands)               | 38    | 133   |
| Catholics per 100 inhabitants          | 4.47  | 1.22  |
| Ecclesiastical circumscriptions        | 1     | 11    |
| Parishes                               | 16    | 79    |
| Other pastoral centres                 | 1     | 16    |
| Catholics per pastoral centre          | 2,235 | 1,397 |

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

|                                    | <b>Cyprus</b> | <b>Greece</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bishops (situation at 31.10.2021)  | 1             | 12            |
| Diocesan priests                   | 13            | 58            |
| Religious priests                  | 33            | 36            |
| Total priests                      | 46            | 94            |
| Permanent deacons                  | 3             | 6             |
| Men religious (other than priests) | 8             | 26            |
| Professed women religious          | 45            | 84            |
| Members of secular Institutes      | -             | -             |
| Lay missionaries                   | 230           | 6             |
| Catechists                         | 50            | 143           |

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

|                                                                | <b>Cyprus</b> | <b>Greece</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Catholics per priest                                           | 826           | 1,412         |
| Catholics per pastoral worker                                  | 99            | 358           |
| Priests per pastoral centre                                    | 2.71          | 0.99          |
| Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate | 12.27         | 28.57         |

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

|                                           | <b>Cyprus</b> | <b>Greece</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Minor seminarians                         | -             | 2             |
| Major seminarians                         | 2             | 19            |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants | 0.24          | 0.17          |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics   | 5.26          | 14.31         |

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

|                                    | Cyprus | Greece |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>Schools:</b>                    |        |        |
| Pre-school and primary             | 10     | 19     |
| Lower middle and secondary         | 4      | 8      |
| Higher and university              | -      | -      |
| <b>Students in:</b>                |        |        |
| Pre-school and primary schools     | 1,298  | 4,274  |
| Lower middle and secondary schools | 607    | 3,005  |
| Higher and university institutes   | -      | -      |

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

|                                                       | Cyprus | Greece |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Hospitals                                             | -      | 1      |
| Clinics                                               | -      | -      |
| Leper colonies                                        | -      | -      |
| Homes for the elderly and disabled                    | 6      | 5      |
| Orphanages and nurseries                              | -      | 1      |
| Family consultation centres                           | 1      | -      |
| Special centres of social education or rehabilitation | 1      | 2      |
| Other institutions                                    | 23     | 7      |

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