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**Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Malta (2 to 3 April 2022) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Malta as of 31 December 2020 (from the Central Office for Church Statistics)

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Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	316
Population (in thousands)	478
Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	1,513
Catholics (in thousands)	408
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	85.2
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	2
Parishes	85
Other pastoral centres	10
Catholics per pastoral centre	4,295

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

Bishops (situation at 31.10.2021)	6
Diocesan priests	411
Religious priests	305
Total priests	716
Permanent deacons	-
Men religious (other than priests)	33
Professed women religious	797
Members of secular Institutes	35
Lay missionaries	-
Catechists	1,249

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	569
Catholics per pastoral worker	327
Priests per pastoral centre	7.54
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	25.5

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	-
Major seminarians	48
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	10.03
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	11.78
Major seminarians per 100 priests	6.70

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

Pre-school and primary	48
Lower middle and secondary	24
Higher and university	2

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