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Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Marseille for the conclusion of the “Recontres Méditerranéennes” (22 to 23 September 2023) - Statistics

Statistics of the Catholic Church in the Metropolis of Marseille as of 31 December 2022 (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 the Metropolis of Marseille as of 31 December 2022:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km ²)	650
Population (in thousands)	1,083
Density (inhabitants/km ²)	1,666
Catholics (in thousands)	742

Catholics per 100 inhabitants	68.5
Parishes	108
Other pastoral centres	4
Catholics per pastoral centre	6.625

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

Bishops	4
Diocesan priests	119
Religious priests	79
Total priests	198
Permanent deacons	29
Men religious (other than priests)	32
Professed women religious	245
Members of secular Institutes	3
Lay missionaries	-
Catechists	252

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

Catholics per priest	3,747
Catholics per pastoral worker	973
Priests per pastoral centre	1.8
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	26.5

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

Minor seminarians	1
Major seminarians	9
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.83
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	1.21
Major seminarians per 100 priests	4.55

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

Schools:

Pre-school and primary	101
Lower middle and secondary	65
Higher and university	-

Students in:

Pre-school and primary schools	13,160
Lower middle and secondary schools	23,749
Higher and university institutes	-
