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Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore (2 to 13 September 2024)

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore 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 Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore as of 31 December 2022:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Indonesia	Papua New	Timor-Leste	Singapore
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Guinea

Area (km2)	1,904,569	462,840	14,874	683 [1]
Population (in thousands)	275,774	8,241	1,499	5,637
Density (inhabitants/km2)	145	18	101	8,253
Catholics (in thousands)	8,297	2,522	1,439	176
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	3.01	30.60	95.97	3.12
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	39 [2]	19	3	1
Parishes	1,456	462	66	29
Other pastoral centres	8,525	971	665	3
Catholics per pastoral centre	831	1,760	1,968	5,500

[1] Most recent estimate of the United Nations World Statistics Pocketbook

[2] Includes a new diocese created on 21 June 2024

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	Timor-Leste	Singapore
Bishops ¹	50	27	3	3
Diocesan priests	2,466	318	140	77
Religious priests	3,437	282	207	79
Total priests	5,903	600	347	156
Permanent deacons	7	2	1	2
Men religious (other than priests)	1,801	171	108	33
Professed women religious	9,658	808	1,038	156
Members of secular Institutes	22	-	1	-
Lay missionaries	14,724	11	10	1
Catechists	21,932	3,134	1,724	1,817

[1] Situation on 15.06.2024

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

Indonesia	Papua New	Timor-Leste	Singapore
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Guinea

Catholics per priest	1,406	4,203	4,147	1,128
Catholics per pastoral worker	153	531	445	81
Priests per pastoral centre	0.59	0.42	0.47	4.88
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	11.0	13.2	10.8	7.3

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

-	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	Timor-Leste	Singapore
Minor seminarians	3,945	106	461	-
Major seminarians	4,024	328	614	30
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	1.46	3.98	40.95	0.53
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	48.50	13.01	42.67	17.06
Major seminarians per 100 priests	68.17	54.67	176.95	19.23

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

	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	Timor-Leste	Singapore
Schools:				
Pre-school and primary	4,140	3,385	272	37
Lower middle and secondary	1,407	90	48	17
Higher and university	137	84	5	2
Students in:				
Pre-school and primary schools	505,596	339,105	42,973	26,797
Lower middle and secondary schools	341,075	39,952	39,763	19,205
Higher and university institutes	116,815	9,623	1,445	1,542

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

	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	Timor-Leste	Singapore
Hospitals	131	166	1	1
Clinics	140	541	28	1
Leper colonies	10	1	-	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	57	7	2	4
Orphanages and nurseries	126	20	16	13
Family consultation centres	31	37	2	6
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	10	19	1	1
Other institutions	215	23	1	7
