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Pilgrimage of His Holiness Francis to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima on the centenary of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Cova da Iria (12-13 May 2017)

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Portugal as of 31 December 2015 (compiled by the Central Church Statistics Office)

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The following are some statistical data relating to the situation of the Catholic Church in Portugal as of 31 December 2015:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km2)

91,982

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| Population (thousands) | 10,349 | 2 |
| Density (inhabitants/km ²) | 113 | |
| Catholics (thousands) | 9,183 | |
| Catholics per 100 inhabitants | 88.7 | |
| Ecclesiastical circumscriptions | 21 | |
| Parishes | 4,424 | |
| Other pastoral centres | 2,293 | |
| Catholics per pastoral centre | 1,367 | |

Table 2 – People engaged in apostolic activities

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| Bishops (<i>situation at 31.03.2017</i>) | 49 |
| Diocesan priests | 2,524 |
| Religious priests | 907 |
| Total priests | 3,431 |
| Permanent deacons | 360 |
| Men religious (other than priests) | 237 |
| Professed women religious | 4,603 |
| Lay members of Secular Institutes | 552 |
| Lay missionaries | 5,145 |
| Catechists | 58,962 |

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral load

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| Catholics per priest | 2,676 |
| Catholics per pastoral worker | 125 |
| Priests per pastoral centre | 0.51 |
| Priests per 100 people engaged in apostolic activities | 4.7 |

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

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| Minor seminarians | 194 |
| Major seminarians | 551 |

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| Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants | 5.32 |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics | 6.0 |
| Major seminarians per 100 priests | 16.06 |

Table 5 – Centres of education belonging to and/or directed by ecclesiastics or religious

Schools:

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| - Pre-school and primary | 760 |
| - Lower middle and secondary | 61 |
| - Higher education and universities | 26 |

Students of:

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| - Pre-school and primary school | 73,118 |
| - Lower middle and secondary school | 23,128 |
| - Higher education institutes and universities | 18,662 |

Table 6 – Charitable and social centres belonging to and/or directed by ecclesiastics or religious

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| Hospitals | 44 |
| Clinics | 105 |
| Leper colonies | 63 |
| Homes for the elderly or disabled | 997 |
| Orphanages and nurseries | 672 |
| Family consultation centres | 53 |
| Special centres for social education or rehabilitation | 37 |
| Other centres | 496 |
