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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

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

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

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

Minor seminarians	194
Major seminarians	551

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:

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

Students of:

- 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

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
