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## **Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Ireland on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families (25 to 26 August 2018)**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Ireland as of 31 December 2016 (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 Ireland as of 31 December 2016:

### **Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure**

Area (km2)	84,405
Population (in thousands)	7,005
Density (inhabitants/km2)	83

Catholics (in thousands)	5,331
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	76.1
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	26
Parishes	1,359
Other pastoral centres	40
Catholics per pastoral centre	3,811

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

Bishops <sup>1</sup>	56
Diocesan priests	2,542
Religious priests	1,793
Total priests	4,335
Permanent deacons	132
Men religious (other than priests)	59
Professed women religious	764
Members of secular Institutes	97
Lay missionaries	-
Catechists	2,357

[1] Situation on 31.12.2017

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	1,230
Catholics per pastoral worker	683
Priests per pastoral centre	3.1
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	56.3

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	10
Major seminarians	150
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	2.14
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	2.81
Major seminarians per 100 priests	3.46

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

Pre-school and primary	3,375
Lower middle and secondary	599
Higher and university	9

**Students in:**

Pre-school and primary schools	526,640
Lower middle and secondary schools	318,030
Higher and university institutes	22,775

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

Hospitals	21
Clinics	-
Leper colonies	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	36
Orphanages and nurseries	33
Family consultation centres	57
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	8
Other institutions	3

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