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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia (22 to 25 September 2018) – Statistics

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia 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 Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia as of 31 December 2016:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia
Area (km2)	65,200	64,600	45,100
Population (in thousands)	3,243	1,980	1,316

Density (inhabitants/km2)	50	31	29
Catholics (in thousands)	2,590	413	6
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	*79.9*	*20.9*	*0.5*
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	8	4	1
Parishes	712	263	9
Other pastoral centres	227	22	6
Catholics per pastoral centre	2,758	1,449	400

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia
Bishops (*situation at 31.07.2018*)	17	8	1
Diocesan priests	708	138	15
Religious priests	101	28	2
Total priests	809	166	17
Permanent deacons	3	1	-
Men religious (other than priests)	20	-	-
Professed women religious	557	99	30
Members of secular Institutes	11	12	-
Lay missionaries	-	64	12
Catechists	930	270	5

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia
Catholics per priest	3,202	2,488	353
Catholics per pastoral worker	1,104	666	92
Priests per pastoral centre	*0.86*	*0.58*	*1.13*
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	*35.2*	*28.1*	*27.7*

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia
Minor seminarians	2	-	-
Major seminarians	44	12	7
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	*1.36*	*0.61*	*0.53*
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	*1.70*	*2.90*	*116.7*

Major seminarians per 100 priests	*5.44*	*7.23*	*41.18*

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

	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia
Schools:			
Pre-school and primary	135	6	3
Lower middle and secondary	331	3	-
Higher and university	9	1	-
Students in:			
Pre-school and primary schools	21,570	532	517
Lower middle and secondary schools	84,321	96	-
Higher and university institutes	8,807	53	-

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

	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia
Hospitals	3	-	-
Clinics	-	-	-
Leper colonies	-	-	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	26	1	-
Orphanages and nurseries	29	-	-
Family consultation centres	48	2	-
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	4	2	-
Other institutions	88	-	-