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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 (km ²)	65,200	64,600	45,100
Population (in thousands)	3,243	1,980	1,316

Density (inhabitants/km ²)	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 (<i>situation at 31.07.2018</i>)	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
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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	-	-
