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## **Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Morocco (30 to 31 March 2019) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Morocco as of 31 December 2017 (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 Morocco as of 31 December 2017:

### Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	446,550
Population (in thousands)	34,852
Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	78

Catholics (in thousands)	23
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	0.07
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	2
Parishes	35
Other pastoral centres	-
Catholics per pastoral centre	657

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

Bishops ( <i>situation on 31.12.2018</i> )	4
Diocesan priests	15
Religious priests	31
Total priests	46
Permanent deacons	-
Men religious (other than priests)	10
Professed women religious	178
Members of secular Institutes	6
Lay missionaries	3
Catechists	2

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	500
Catholics per pastoral worker	92
Priests per pastoral centre	1.31
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	20.0

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	-
Major seminarians	14
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.04
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	61
Major seminarians per 100 priests	30.4

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

**Schools:**

Pre-school and primary	26
Lower middle and secondary	8
Higher and university	-

**Students in:**

Pre-school and primary schools	10,220
Lower middle and secondary schools	1,671
Higher and university institutes	-

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

Hospitals	1
Clinics	7
Leper colonies	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	2
Orphanages and nurseries	10
Family consultation centres	-
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	-
Other institutions	5

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