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## **Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Mongolia (31 August to 4 September 2023) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Mongolia as of 31 December 2021 (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 Mongolia as of 31 December 2021:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	1,566,500
Population (in thousands)	3,384
Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	2
Catholics (in thousands)	1.394

Catholics per 100 inhabitants	0.04
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	1
Parishes	8
Other pastoral centres	4
Catholics per pastoral centre	116

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

Bishops ( <i>Situation on 15.06.2023</i> )	1
Diocesan priests	6
Religious priests	19
Total priests	25
Permanent deacons	-
Men religious (other than priests)	5
Professed women religious	33
Members of secular Institutes	-
Lay missionaries	1
Catechists	35

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	56
Catholics per pastoral worker	13.94
Priests per pastoral centre	2.08
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	26.0

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	-
Major seminarians	6
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.18
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	430
Major seminarians per 100 priests	24.0

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

<b>Schools:</b>	
Pre-school and primary	5
Lower middle and secondary	1
Higher and university	-
<b>Students in:</b>	
Pre-school and primary schools	413
Lower middle and secondary schools	190
Higher and university institutes	-

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

Hospitals	-
Clinics	1
Leper colonies	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	2
Orphanages and nurseries	5
Family consultation centres	4
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	1
Other institutions	35