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**Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius (4 to 10 September 2019) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius 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 Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius as of 31 December 2017:

**Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure**

	<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	801,590	587,041	2,040
Population (in thousands)	27,129	23,652	1,311

Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	34	40	643
Catholics (in thousands)	7,621	8,233	368
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	28.1	34.8	28.1
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	12	22	2
Parishes	343	438	44
Other pastoral centres	1,335	9,010	-
Catholics per pastoral centre	4,542	872	8,364

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

	<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>
Bishops <sup>1</sup>	23	25	2
Diocesan priests	297	892	47
Religious priests	362	855	48
Total priests	659	1,747	95
Permanent deacons	2	-	-
Men religious (other than priests)	89	735	17
Professed women religious	1,207	5,006	186
Members of secular Institutes	17	133	10
Lay missionaries	97	1,703	-
Catechists	56,871	14,395	1,335

[1] Situation on 31.07.2019

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

	<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>
Catholics per priest	11,564	4,713	3,874
Catholics per pastoral worker	129	347	224
Priests per pastoral centre	0.39	0.18	2.16
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	1.16	7.46	5.90

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

	<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>
Minor seminarians	597	930	-
Major seminarians	599	1,977	7
Major seminarians per 100,000	2.21	8.36	0.53

inhabitants

Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	7.86	24.01	1.90
Major seminarians per 100 priests	90.90	113.17	7.37

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

	Mozambique	Madagascar	Mauritius
<b>Schools:</b>			
Pre-school and primary	176	5,367	53
Lower middle and secondary	64	1,024	21
Higher and university	14	62	-
<b>Students in:</b>			
Pre-school and primary schools	50,022	479,421	18,654
Lower middle and secondary schools	57,086	202,144	13,989
Higher and university institutes	19,024	16,479	-

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

	Mozambique	Madagascar	Mauritius
Hospitals	24	20	1
Clinics	21	217	-
Leper colonies	7	24	7
Homes for the elderly and disabled	9	154	13
Orphanages and nurseries	74	154	13
Family consultation centres	2	31	8
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	2	7	4
Other institutions	37	32	48

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