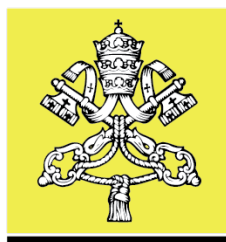


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## **Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Cyprus and Greece (2 to 6 December 2021) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Cyprus and Greece as of 31 December 2019 (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 Cyprus and Greece as of 31 December 2019:

### Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Greece</b>
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	9,251	131,957
Population (in thousands)	850	10,867

Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	92	82
Catholics (in thousands)	38	133
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	4.47	1.22
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	1	11
Parishes	16	79
Other pastoral centres	1	16
Catholics per pastoral centre	2,235	1,397

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

	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Greece</b>
Bishops (situation at 31.10.2021)	1	12
Diocesan priests	13	58
Religious priests	33	36
Total priests	46	94
Permanent deacons	3	6
Men religious (other than priests)	8	26
Professed women religious	45	84
Members of secular Institutes	-	-
Lay missionaries	230	6
Catechists	50	143

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Greece</b>
Catholics per priest	826	1,412
Catholics per pastoral worker	99	358
Priests per pastoral centre	2.71	0.99
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	12.27	28.57

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Greece</b>
Minor seminarians	-	2
Major seminarians	2	19
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.24	0.17
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	5.26	14.31

Major seminarians per 100 priests	4.35	20.21
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**Table 5 – Educational centres owned / managed by ecclesiastics or religious**

	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Greece</b>
<b>Schools:</b>		
Pre-school and primary	10	19
Lower middle and secondary	4	8
Higher and university	-	-
<b>Students in:</b>		
Pre-school and primary schools	1,298	4,274
Lower middle and secondary schools	607	3,005
Higher and university institutes	-	-

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

	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Greece</b>
Hospitals	-	1
Clinics	-	-
Leper colonies	-	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	6	5
Orphanages and nurseries	-	1
Family consultation centres	1	-
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	1	2
Other institutions	23	7

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