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**Statistics of the Catholic Church in Canada as of 31 December 2020 (from the Central Office for Church Statistics)**

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**Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure**

Area (km2)	9,970,610
Population (in thousands)	38,005
Density (inhabitants/km2)	4
Catholics (in thousands)	16,858
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	44.4
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	71
Parishes	3,881
Other pastoral centres	557
Catholics per pastoral centre	3,799

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

Bishops (situation at 31.02.2022)	134
Diocesan priests	4,117
Religious priests	2,105
Total priests	6,222
Permanent deacons	1,217
Men religious (other than priests)	1,032
Professed women religious	9,620
Members of secular Institutes	35
Lay missionaries	99
Catechists	18,761

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	2,709
Catholics per pastoral worker	451
Priests per pastoral centre	1.4
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	17.0

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	497
Major seminarians	352
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.93
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	2.09
Major seminarians per 100 priests	5.66

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

Pre-school and primary	2,179
Lower middle and secondary	451
Higher and university	45

**Students in:**

Pre-school and primary schools	516,821
Lower middle and secondary schools	276,218
Higher and university institutes	28,074

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

Hospitals	64
Clinics	3
Leper colonies	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	140
Orphanages and nurseries	54
Family consultation centres	72
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	30
Other institutions	72

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