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Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore (2 to 13 September 2024)

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore as of 31 December 2022 (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 Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore as of 31 December 2022:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Indonesia Papua New Timor-Leste Singapore

| | | Guinea | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|---------|
| Area (km2) | 1,904,569 | 462,840 | 14,874 | 683 [1] |
| Population (in thousands) | 275,774 | 8,241 | 1,499 | 5,637 |
| Density (inhabitants/km2) | 145 | 18 | 101 | 8,253 |
| Catholics (in thousands) | 8,297 | 2,522 | 1,439 | 176 |
| Catholics per 100 inhabitants | 3.01 | 30.60 | 95.97 | 3.12 |
| Ecclesiastical circumscriptions | 39 [2] | 19 | 3 | 1 |
| Parishes | 1,456 | 462 | 66 | 29 |
| Other pastoral centres | 8,525 | 971 | 665 | 3 |
| Catholics per pastoral centre | 831 | 1,760 | 1,968 | 5,500 |

[1] Most recent estimate of the United Nations World Statistics Pocketbook

[2] Includes a new diocese created on 21 June 2024

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

| | Indonesia | Papua New Guinea | Timor-Leste | Singapore |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Bishops ¹ | 50 | 27 | 3 | 3 |
| Diocesan priests | 2,466 | 318 | 140 | 77 |
| Religious priests | 3,437 | 282 | 207 | 79 |
| Total priests | 5,903 | 600 | 347 | 156 |
| Permanent deacons | 7 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Men religious (other than priests) | 1,801 | 171 | 108 | 33 |
| Professed women religious | 9,658 | 808 | 1,038 | 156 |
| Members of secular Institutes | 22 | - | 1 | - |
| Lay missionaries | 14,724 | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| Catechists | 21,932 | 3,134 | 1,724 | 1,817 |

[1] Situation on 15.06.2024

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

| Indonesia | Papua New | Timor-Leste | Singapore |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|

| | | Guinea | | |
|--|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Catholics per priest | 1,406 | 4,203 | 4,147 | 1,128 |
| Catholics per pastoral worker | 153 | 531 | 445 | 81 |
| Priests per pastoral centre | 0.59 | 0.42 | 0.47 | 4.88 |
| Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate | 11.0 | 13.2 | 10.8 | 7.3 |

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

| | Indonesia | Papua New Guinea | Timor-Leste | Singapore |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| - | | | | |
| Minor seminarians | 3,945 | 106 | 461 | - |
| Major seminarians | 4,024 | 328 | 614 | 30 |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants | 1.46 | 3.98 | 40.95 | 0.53 |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics | 48.50 | 13.01 | 42.67 | 17.06 |
| Major seminarians per 100 priests | 68.17 | 54.67 | 176.95 | 19.23 |

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

| | Indonesia | Papua New Guinea | Timor-Leste | Singapore |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Schools: | | | | |
| Pre-school and primary | 4,140 | 3,385 | 272 | 37 |
| Lower middle and secondary | 1,407 | 90 | 48 | 17 |
| Higher and university | 137 | 84 | 5 | 2 |
| Students in: | | | | |
| Pre-school and primary schools | 505,596 | 339,105 | 42,973 | 26,797 |
| Lower middle and secondary schools | 341,075 | 39,952 | 39,763 | 19,205 |
| Higher and university institutes | 116,815 | 9,623 | 1,445 | 1,542 |

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

| | Indonesia | Papua New Guinea | Timor-Leste | Singapore |
|---|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Hospitals | 131 | 166 | 1 | 1 |
| Clinics | 140 | 541 | 28 | 1 |
| Leper colonies | 10 | 1 | - | - |
| Homes for the elderly and disabled | 57 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| Orphanages and nurseries | 126 | 20 | 16 | 13 |
| Family consultation centres | 31 | 37 | 2 | 6 |
| Special centres of social education or 10 rehabilitation | | 19 | 1 | 1 |
| Other institutions | 215 | 23 | 1 | 7 |
