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## **Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to the United Arab Emirates (3 to 5 February 2019) - Statistics**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in the United Arab Emirates 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 the United Arab Emirates as of 31 December 2017:

### **Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure**

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	83,600
Population (in thousands)	9,229
Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	110

Catholics (in thousands)	901
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	9.8
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	1
Parishes	8
Other pastoral centres	15
Catholics per pastoral centre	39,174

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

Bishops <sup>1</sup>	1
Diocesan priests	11
Religious priests	57
Total priests	68
Permanent deacons	1
Men religious (other than priests)	1
Professed women religious	43
Members of secular Institutes	-
Lay missionaries	-
Catechists	1,535

[1] Situation on 31.12.2018

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**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	13,250
Catholics per pastoral worker	546
Priests per pastoral centre	3.0
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	4.2

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	-
Major seminarians	3
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.03
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	0.33

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

Pre-school and primary	20
Lower middle and secondary	7
Higher and university	-

**Students in:**

Pre-school and primary schools	16,727
Lower middle and secondary schools	4,156
Higher and university institutes	-

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

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

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