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## **Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Morocco (30 to 31 March 2019) - Statistics**

### **Statistics of the Catholic Church in Morocco 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 Morocco as of 31 December 2017:

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

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Area (km <sup>2</sup> )                | 446,550 |
| Population (in thousands)              | 34,852  |
| Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> ) | 78      |

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Catholics (in thousands)        | 23   |
| Catholics per 100 inhabitants   | 0.07 |
| Ecclesiastical circumscriptions | 2    |
| Parishes                        | 35   |
| Other pastoral centres          | -    |
| Catholics per pastoral centre   | 657  |

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

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Bishops ( <i>situation on 31.12.2018</i> ) | 4   |
| Diocesan priests                           | 15  |
| Religious priests                          | 31  |
| Total priests                              | 46  |
| Permanent deacons                          | -   |
| Men religious (other than priests)         | 10  |
| Professed women religious                  | 178 |
| Members of secular Institutes              | 6   |
| Lay missionaries                           | 3   |
| Catechists                                 | 2   |

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Catholics per priest   | 500  |
| Catholics per pastoral worker                                  | 92   |
| Priests per pastoral centre                                    | 1.31 |
| Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate | 20.0 |

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Minor seminarians                         | -    |
| Major seminarians                         | 14   |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants | 0.04 |
| Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics   | 61   |
| Major seminarians per 100 priests         | 30.4 |

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

**Schools:**

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Pre-school and primary     | 26 |
| Lower middle and secondary | 8  |
| Higher and university      | -  |

**Students in:**

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Pre-school and primary schools     | 10,220 |
| Lower middle and secondary schools | 1,671  |
| Higher and university institutes   | -      |

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

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Hospitals   | 1  |
| Clinics   | 7  |
| Leper colonies  | -  |
| Homes for the elderly and disabled                    | 2  |
| Orphanages and nurseries                              | 10 |
| Family consultation centres                           | -  |
| Special centres of social education or rehabilitation | -  |
| Other institutions                                    | 5  |

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