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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

	Cyprus	Greece
Area (km ²)	9,251	131,957
Population (in thousands)	850	10,867

Density (inhabitants/km ²)	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

	Cyprus	Greece
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

	Cyprus	Greece
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

	Cyprus	Greece
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

	Cyprus	Greece
Schools:		
Pre-school and primary	10	19
Lower middle and secondary	4	8
Higher and university	-	-
Students in:		
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

	Cyprus	Greece
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
