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## **Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Colombia (6 to 11 September 2017)**

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Colombia as of 31 December 2015 (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 Colombia as of 31 December 2015:

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

Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	1,138,914
Population (in thousands)	48,203
Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	42

Catholics (in thousands)	45,257
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	93.9
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	78
Parishes	4,397
Other pastoral centres	2,769
Catholics per pastoral centre	6,316

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

Bishops <sup>1</sup>	128
Diocesan priests	7,236
Religious priests	2,324
Total priests	9,560
Permanent deacons	593
Men religious (other than priests)	1,058
Professed women religious	13,874
Members of Secular Institutes	369
Lay missionaries	33,358
Catechists	55,376

[1] Situation on 15.07.2017

**Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload**

Catholics per priest	4,734
Catholics per pastoral worker	396
Priests per pastoral centre	1.3
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	8.5

**Table 4 – Priestly vocations**

Minor seminarians	2,995
Major seminarians	3,416
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	7.09
Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	7.55
Major seminarians per 100 priests	35.73

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

Pre-school and primary	2,622
Lower middle and secondary	1,421
Higher and university	124

**Students in:**

Pre-school and primary schools	711,250
Lower middle and secondary schools	745,324
Higher and university institutes	238,997

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

Hospitals	100
Clinics	120
Leper colonies	2
Homes for the elderly and disabled	383
Orphanages and nurseries	604
Family consultation centres	108
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	60
Other institutions	385

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