

HOLY SEE PRESS OFFICE
OFICINA DE PRENSA DE LA SANTA SEDE



BUREAU DE PRESSE DU SAINT-SIEGE
PRESSEAMT DES HEILIGEN STUHL

BOLLETTINO

SALA STAMPA DELLA SANTA SEDE

N. 171117d

Friday 17.11.2017

Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Myanmar and Bangladesh (27 to 30 November 2017)

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Myanmar and Bangladesh as of 31 December 2015 (from the Central Office for Church Statistics)

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

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

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

The following are some statistical data relating to the situation of the Catholic Church in Myanmar and Bangladesh as of 31 December 2015:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

	Myanmar	Bangladesh
Area (km2)	676,578	143,998
Population (in thousands)	51,790	153,998

Density (inhabitants/km ²)	77	1,104
Catholics (in thousands)	659	375
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	1.27	0.24
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	16	8
Parishes	384	106
Other pastoral centres	43	374
Catholics per pastoral centre	1,544	781

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

	Myanmar	Bangladesh
Bishops (<i>situation on 31.10.2017</i>)	22	12
Diocesan priests	777	189
Religious priests	111	183
Total priests	888	372
Permanent deacons	2	-
Men religious (other than priests)	128	111
Professed women religious	1,961	1,269
Members of secular Institutes	1	1
Lay missionaries	601	1,210
Catechists	3,056	1,427

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

	Myanmar	Bangladesh
Catholics per priest	742	1,007
Catholics per pastoral worker	99	85
Priests per pastoral centre	2.1	0.78
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	13.7	8.7

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

	Myanmar	Bangladesh
Minor seminarians	698	671
Major seminarians	394	122
Major seminarians per 100,000 inhabitants	0.76	0.1

Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	59.79	32.5
Major seminarians per 100 priests	44.37	32.8

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

	Myanmar	Bangladesh
Schools:		
Pre-school and primary	369	647
Lower middle and secondary	4	84
Higher and university	2	14
Students in:		
Pre-school and primary schools	13,327	74,224
Lower middle and secondary schools	386	49,720
Higher and university institutes	128	12,014

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

	Myanmar	Bangladesh
Hospitals	6	10
Clinics	65	74
Leper colonies	3	9
Homes for the elderly and disabled	13	14
Orphanages and nurseries	390	89
Family consultation centres	2	25
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	70	8
Other institutions	19	124
