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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Thailand and Japan (19 to 26 November 2019) - Statistics

Statistics of the Catholic Church in Thailand and Japan 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 Thailand and Japan as of 31 December 2017:

Table 1 – Population and ecclesiastical structure

	Thailand	Japan
Area (km2)	513,115	377,829
Population (in thousands)	65,522	126,786

Density (inhabitants/km ²)	128	336
Catholics (in thousands)	389	536
Catholics per 100 inhabitants	<i>0.59</i>	<i>0.42</i>
Ecclesiastical circumscriptions	11	16
Parishes	502	859
Other pastoral centres	566	102
Catholics per pastoral centre	365	558

Table 2 – People engaged in activities of the apostolate

	Thailand	Japan
Bishops ¹	16	29
Diocesan priests	523	511
Religious priests	312	896
Total priests	835	1,407
Permanent deacons	-	29
Men religious (other than priests)	123	173
Professed women religious	1,461	4,976
Members of secular Institutes	57	174
Lay missionaries	221	5
Catechists	1,901	1,307

[1] Situation on 30.09.2019

Table 3 – Indicators of pastoral workload

	Thailand	Japan
Catholics per priest	446	381
Catholics per pastoral worker	84	66
Priests per pastoral centre	<i>0.78</i>	<i>1.46</i>
Priests per 100 people engaged in activities of the apostolate	<i>18.4</i>	<i>17.7</i>

Table 4 – Priestly vocations

	Thailand	Japan
Minor seminarians	771	33
Major seminarians	306	80
Major seminarians per 100,000	<i>0.47</i>	<i>0.06</i>

inhabitants

Major seminarians per 100,000 Catholics	78.6	14.9
Major seminarians per 100 priests	36.65	5.69

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

	Thailand	Japan
Schools:		
Pre-school and primary	253	575
Lower middle and secondary	163	183
Higher and university	10	57
Students in:		
Pre-school and primary schools	319,515	83,517
Lower middle and secondary schools	147,034	67,508
Higher and university institutes	22,149	53,310

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

	Thailand	Japan
Hospitals	4	29
Clinics	8	10
Leper colonies	-	-
Homes for the elderly and disabled	26	274
Orphanages and nurseries	115	236
Family consultation centres	7	3
Special centres of social education or rehabilitation	11	21
Other institutions	19	33
