



Vatican City, 21 June 2016 – In view of the Pope's upcoming apostolic trip to Armenia (24-26 June), the Central Church Statistics Office has published the statistics relating to the Catholic Church in the country.

Armenia has a surface area of 29,800 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 2,914,000 inhabitants, of whom 280,000 are Catholics, equivalent to 9.6 per cent of the population. There is one ecclesiastical circumscription, and there are 20 parishes. There are currently three bishops, 27 priests, two men religious and 20 women religious. There are 69 seminarians. The Church has one centre for Catholic education. With regard to charitable and social centres belonging to the Church or directed by ecclesiastics or religious, in Armenia there are 20 clinics, one hospital, five homes for the elderly or disabled, and three institutions of other types.