

## Estimated Statistics of Chinese Catholic Church 1997

Number of Catholics	10,000,000
Number of dioceses	138
Number of Bishops	
in the Open Church	68
in the Underground Church	58
Number of Priests*	
in the Open and Underground Church	2,200
Number of Sisters	
in the Open Church	2,000+
in the Underground	2,000+
Number of Seminaries	
in the Open Church	24
in the Underground Church	10
Number of Seminarians	
in the Open Church	1,000
in the Underground	700
Minor seminarians in Open Church	600
Number of Novitiates	
in the Open Church	40
in the Underground	20
Number of Sisters and Women in Formation	
in the Open Church	1,500
in the Underground	1,000

\*Number of priests ordained in China From January 1 to October 31:100