

Statistics for China's Catholic Church

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Tripod Staff

Number of Catholics	Approx. 12,000,000
Number of churches and chapels	6,000
Number of dioceses	
With clergy serving	116
Without a clergy serving regularly	22
Number of bishops	
Open Church	67
Underground Church	44
Number of priests	
Open Church, old priests	170
Open Church, young priests	1700
Underground Church, old priests	100
Underground Church, young priests	1000
Number of seminaries	
National major seminary	1
Regional major seminaries	5
Seminaries at provincial level	5
Diocesan seminaries	10
Seminaries of the Underground Church	Approx. 10
Number of seminarians	
Open Church, major seminarians	650
Open Church, minor seminarians	530
Underground Church seminarians	Over 350
Number of Sisters	
Open Church	3430
Underground Church	1220
Number of Sisters in formation	
Open Church	320
Underground Church	230
Number of novitiates	
Open Church	40
Underground Church	20