

**COMMISSION FOR CLERGY**  
**VOCATIONS STATISTICS 2022**

The statistics below were collected at the request of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by the National Office for Vocation and the Conference of Religious.

**TABLE 1 – Entrants into Formation for the Diocesan/Ordinatee Priesthood**

	Totals	Diocesan Priesthood		Entries from Propaedeutic Year
		Pre-Sem	Sem	
Arundel & Brighton	1	0	1	1
Birmingham	2	1	1	1
Brentwood				
Cardiff	0	0	0	0
Clifton	2	0	2	0
East Anglia	1	0	1	0
Hallam	0	0	0	0
Hexham & Newcastle	1	1	0	0
Lancaster	3	2	1	1
Leeds	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	3	2	1	0
Menevia	1	1	0	0
Middlesbrough	0	0	0	0
Northampton	2	1	1	0
Nottingham	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	2	2	0	0
Portsmouth	1	0	1	0
Salford	0	0	0	0
Shrewsbury	2	0	2	2
Southwark	2	1	1	0
Westminster	4	2	2	0
Wrexham	0	0	0	0
Ordinatee	2	0	2	1
<b>TOTAL THIS YEAR</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Total last year 2021</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>7</i>

**Total Number of New Entrants to Priestly Formation can be calculated as follows:**

Entrants into Propaedeutic Year + (Entrants into Diocesan Seminary/Ordinatee – Transfers from last year's Propaedeutic Year)

$$13 + (16 - 6) = 23$$

Transfers from pre-seminary courses have been recorded since 2010 so the above calculation for a combined and de-duplicated total can be made and men transferring are not counted twice in statistics.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW ENTRANTS FOR THE LAST SIX ACADEMIC YEARS**

2022 = 23

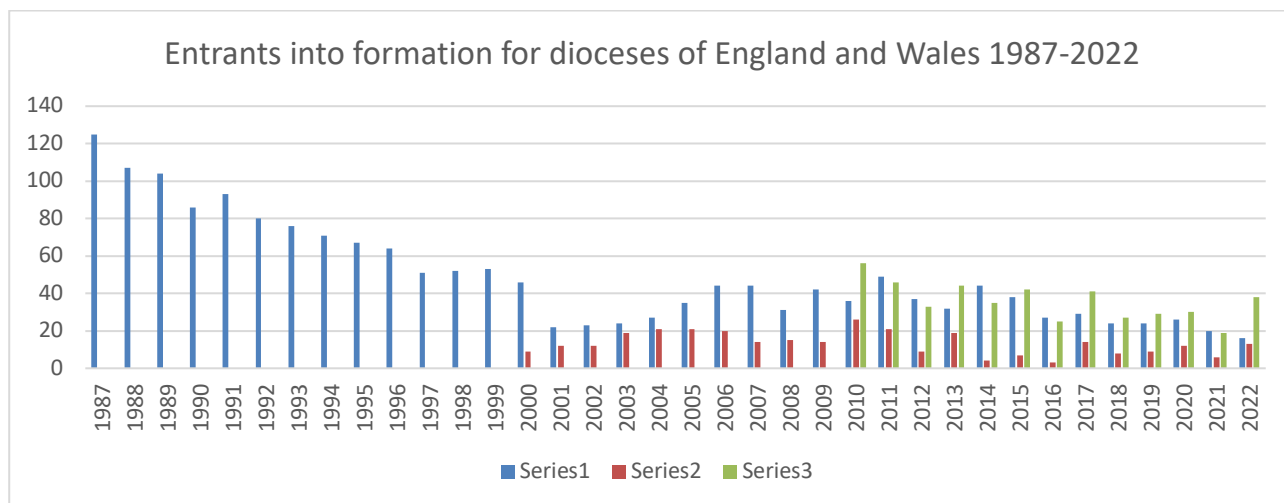
2021 = 18

2020 = 30

2019 = 29

2018 = 27

2017 = 41



- Diocesan Seminary
- Propaedeutic Year
- Combined and de-duplicated total (data currently only available from 2010)

**TABLE 2 – Formation Data for Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life\***

	Members of Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life		Enclosed Nuns	Associations of the Faithful Intending to become Religious Congregations (Women)	Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ordinariate)	TOTAL
	Men	Women				
Entering Formation	9 (12)	0 (11)	5 (3)	1 (0)	0 (0)	15 (26)
First Profession	0 (5)	0 (10)	1 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (18)
Final Profession	0 (6)	0 (6)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (13)

Total number of men that entered religious life: 9 (12)

Total number of women that entered religious life: 6 (14)

Total number of entrants to religious life: **15 (26)**

*Numbers in brackets are figures from 2021*

Please note that due to internal staffing issues COR have not been able to collate the submission for 2022 and therefore do not appear in these statistics.

**\*See appendix for historical data**

**TABLE 3 – Analysis by Age at Entry**

Age Range	Diocesan Priesthood		Members of Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life		Enclosed Nuns
	Pre- Seminary	Diocesan Seminary	Men	Women	
17-18	0	0	2	0	0
19-22	4	2	3	0	1
23-25	3	1	2	0	2
26-30	1	3	1	1	1
31-35	3	4	0	0	1
36-40	1	2	1	0	0
41-50	1	2	0	0	0
51+	0	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

- Average age for entry to propaedeutic year: 28/62
- Average age for entry to diocesan seminary: 35.31

**TABLE 4 – Number of those in Priestly Formation for the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood**

	<b>As of Sept 2022</b>	<b>(2021)</b>
Number of students in propaedeutic year	13	(5)
Number of students in seminary formation (including those on pastoral placement)	91	(108)
Students not in seminary but still in a programme of formation	13	(8)
<b>Total number of those in formation for diocesan/ordinate priesthood</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>(121)</b>

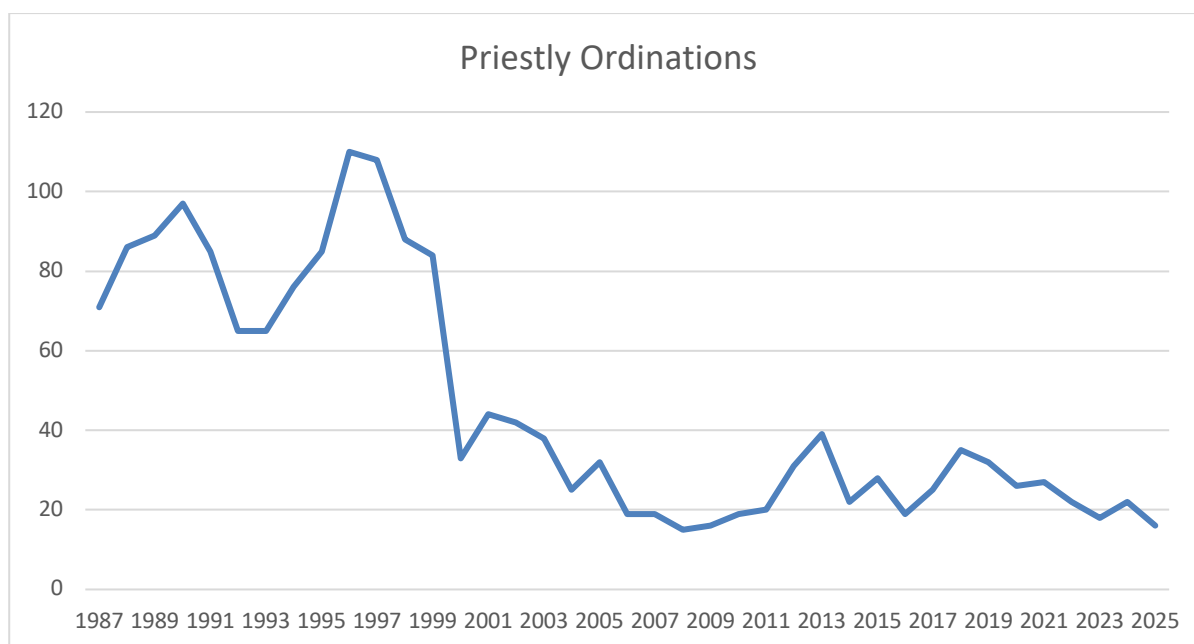
- *New students sent to Valladolid Propaedeutic Year* 11
- *New students sent to Diocesan Propaedeutic Year* 2

Total ordinations to diocesan priesthood: **23** (21 in 2021)

**TABLE 5 – Ordinations and Projected Future Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood**

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arundel & Brighton	1	0	2	2
Birmingham	2	0	1	1
Brentwood		1	2	
Cardiff	1	0	1	0
Clifton	1	0	0	0
East Anglia	0	2	0	0
Hallam	0	0	1	0
Hexham & Newcastle	0	2	1	1
Lancaster	1	0	1	0
Leeds	2	2	1	1
Liverpool	2	1	3	0
Menevia	0	1	0	0
Middlesbrough	0	1	0	0
Northampton	0	0	0	0
Nottingham	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	1	0	0	0
Portsmouth	1	2	3	1
Salford	0	1	1	2
Shrewsbury	0	4	0	2
Southwark	4	1	1	1
Westminster	5	6	3	3
Wrexham	0	0	0	0
Ordinate	2	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>

**Ordinations and Projected Future Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 1987-2025**



## Entrants into Religious Communities in England and Wales 1987-2022

Year	Enclosed Nuns	Other Religious Sisters	TOTAL WOMEN	Order Brothers	Order Priests	TOTAL MEN	TOTAL
1987	23	55	78	4	56	60	138
1988	12	38	50	1	48	49	99
1989	20	31	51	3	49	52	103
1990	24	30	54	3	49	52	106
1991	14	25	39	1	54	55	94
1992	9	28	37	1	39	40	77
1993	17	17	34	3	45	48	82
1994	12	22	34	1	38	39	73
1995	19	16	35	2	36	38	73
1996	13	13	26	0	32	32	58
1997	10	12	22	3	24	27	49
1998	10	12	22	1	23	24	46
1999	10	12	22	1	20	21	43
2000	10	12	22	1	19	20	42
2001	10	12	22	0	16	16	38
2002	9	10	19	0	15	15	34
2003	12	8	20	2	10	12	32
2004	4	3	7	1	11	12	19
2005	9	4	13	0	18	18	31
2006	6	8	14	2	12	14	28
2007	7	9	16	1	13	14	30
2008	11	15	26	2	12	14	40
2009	9	6	15	0	19	19	34
2010	9	10	19	0	19	19	38
2011	8	17	25	0	19	19	44
2012	11	23	34	0	30	30	64
2013	13	17	30	0	22	22	52
2014	18	27	45	0	18	18	63
2015	10	19	29	0	25	25	54
2016	9	22	31	0	29	29	60
2017	9	6	15	0	20	20	35
2018	8	13	21	0	16	16	37
2019	3	16	19	0	24	24	43
2020	5	20	25	0	18	18	43
2021	3	11	14	0	12	12	26
2022	5	1	6	9	23	32	38

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