

COMMISSION FOR CLERGY **VOCATIONS STATISTICS 2024**

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/Ordinariate Priesthood

	Totals	Diocesan Priesthood		Entries from Propaedeutic Year
		Pre-Sem	Sem	
Arundel & Brighton	1	1	0	0
Birmingham	2	2	0	0
Brentwood	0	0	0	0
Cardiff	1	1	0	0
Clifton	0	0	0	0
East Anglia	0	0	0	0
Hallam	0	0	0	0
Hexham & Newcastle	0	0	0	0
Lancaster	0	0	0	0
Leeds	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	2	1	1	0
Menevia	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough	2	1	1	1
Northampton	1	0	1	1
Nottingham	0	0	1	1
Plymouth	2	1	1	0
Portsmouth	1	0	1	0
Salford	0	0	0	0
Shrewsbury	9	5	4	4
Southwark	4	3	1	1
Westminster	6	2	4	1
Wrexham	0	0	0	0
Ordinariate	1	0	1	0
TOTAL THIS YEAR	33	17	16	9
<i>Total last year 2023</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>

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

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

$$17 + (16 - 9) = 25$$

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

2024 = 25

2023 = 16

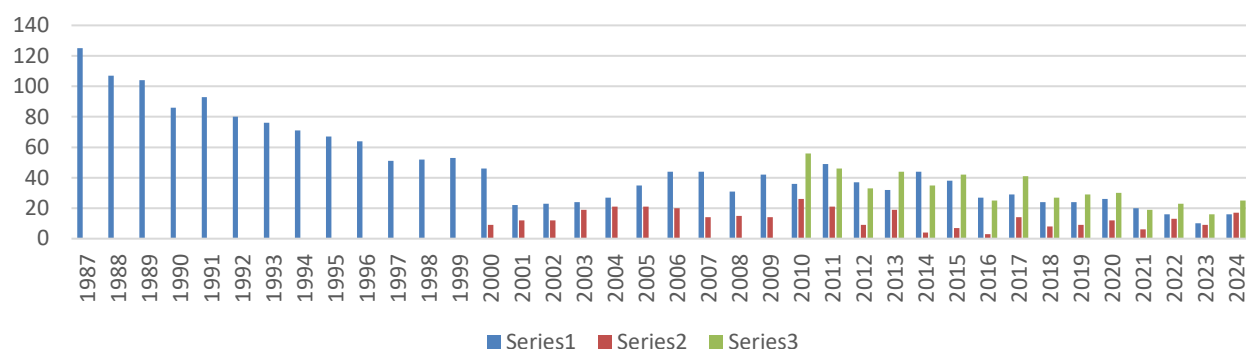
2022 = 23

2021 = 18

2020 = 30

2019 = 29

Entrants into formation for dioceses of England and Wales 1987-2024



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

TABLE 2 – Analysis by Age at Entry

Age Range	Diocesan Priesthood	
	Pre- Seminary	Diocesan Seminary
17-18	0	0
19-22	4	2
23-25	5	3
26-30	1	1
31-35	4	7
36-40	1	0
41-50	1	1
51+	1	2
TOTAL	17	16

- Average age for entry to propaedeutic year: 29.1
- Average age for entry to diocesan seminary: 33.4

TABLE 3 – Number of those in Priestly Formation for the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood

	As of Sept 2024	(2023)
Number of students in propaedeutic year	17	(9)
Number of students in seminary formation (including those on pastoral placement)	86	(92)
Students not in seminary but still in a programme of formation	14	(19)
Total number of those in formation for diocesan/ordinate priesthood	117	(110)

- *New students sent to Valladolid Propaedeutic Year* 12
- *New students sent to Diocesan Propaedeutic Year* 5
- *Unknowns*

Number of Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 2023

Total ordinations to diocesan priesthood: **22** (20 in 2023)

TABLE 4 – Ordinations and Projected Future Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>
	2024	2025	2026	2027
Arundel & Brighton	2	2	0	0
Birmingham	1	1	3	0
Brentwood	1	0	2	1
Cardiff	1	0	0	0
Clifton	0	0	0	1
East Anglia	1	0	3	0
Hallam	1	0	0	0
Hexham & Newcastle	0	0	0	0
Lancaster	1	0	1	1
Leeds	0	1	0	1
Liverpool	4	0	1	0
Menevia	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough	0	0	0	0
Northampton	0	0	1	1
Nottingham	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	1
Portsmouth	2	1	2	2
Salford	1	2	0	2
Shrewsbury	0	4	1	1
Southwark	1	1	0	1
Westminster	3	2	1	1
Wrexham	0	0	0	0
Ordinate	3	0	2	1
TOTAL	22	14	17	14

**Ordinations and Projected Future Ordinations to the
Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 1987-2027**

