

DEPARTMENT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND FORMATION

VOCATIONS STATISTICS 2019

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

| | TOTAL | Propaedeutic Year | Diocesan Seminary | Entries from Propaedeutic Year |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Arundel and Brighton | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Birmingham | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Brentwood | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cardiff | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clifton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| East Anglia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hallam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hexham and Newcastle | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lancaster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Leeds | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Liverpool | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Menevia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Middlesbrough | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northampton | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Nottingham | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Plymouth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portsmouth | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Salford | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Shrewsbury | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Southwark | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Westminster | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Wrexham | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordinatee of Our Lady of Walsingham | 1* | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL THIS YEAR | 33 | 9 | 24 | 4 |
| <i>Total last year</i> | <i>(32)</i> | <i>(8)</i> | <i>(24)</i> | <i>(5)</i> |

**Former Anglican clergy starting a course of formation*

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)

$$9 + (24 - 4) = 29$$

Transfers from Valladolid 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 FOUR ACADEMIC YEARS

2019 = 29

2018 = 27

2017 = 41

2016 = 25

Entrants into Formation for the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 1987-2019

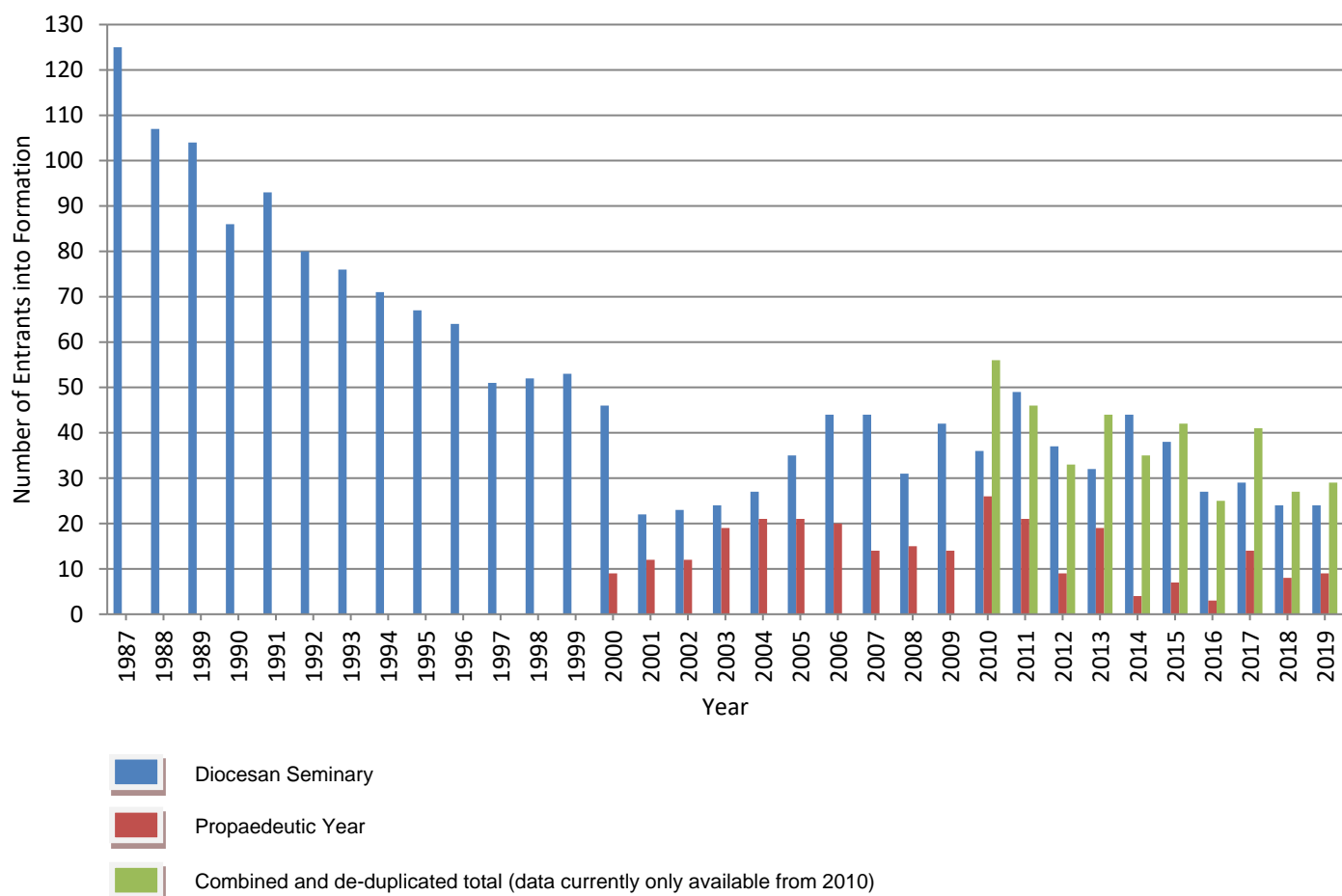


TABLE 2 – Formation Data for Religious Congregations and Societies of Apostolic Life*

| | 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 (Ordinate) | TOTAL |
|--------------------|--|---------|---------------|--|---|---------|
| | Men | Women | | | | |
| Entering Formation | 24 (16) | 16 (13) | 3 (8) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 43 (37) |
| First Profession | 14 (12) | 3 (0) | 4 (7) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 21 (19) |
| Final Profession | 0 (5) | 1 (0) | 2 (2) | 0 (0) | 0 (1) | 3 (8) |

Total number of men that entered religious life: 24 (16)

Total number of women that entered religious life: 19 (21)

Total number of entrants to religious life: **43 (37)**

Numbers in brackets are figures from 2018

***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 |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|-----------|---------------|
| | Propaedeutic Year | Diocesan Seminary | Men | Women | |
| 17-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19-22 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 23-25 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 26-30 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 31-35 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| 36-40 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| 41-50 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 51+ | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 9 | 24 | 24 | 16 | 3 |

- Average age for entry to propaedeutic year: 35
- Average age for entry to diocesan seminary: 40

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

| | As of Sept 2019 | (2018) |
|--|------------------------|---------------|
| Number of students in propaedeutic year | 9 | (8) |
| Number of students in seminary formation (including those on pastoral placement) | 134 | (137) |
| Students not in seminary but still in a programme of formation | 7 | (6) |
| Total number of those in formation for diocesan/ordinate priesthood | 150 | (151) |

Number of Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 2019

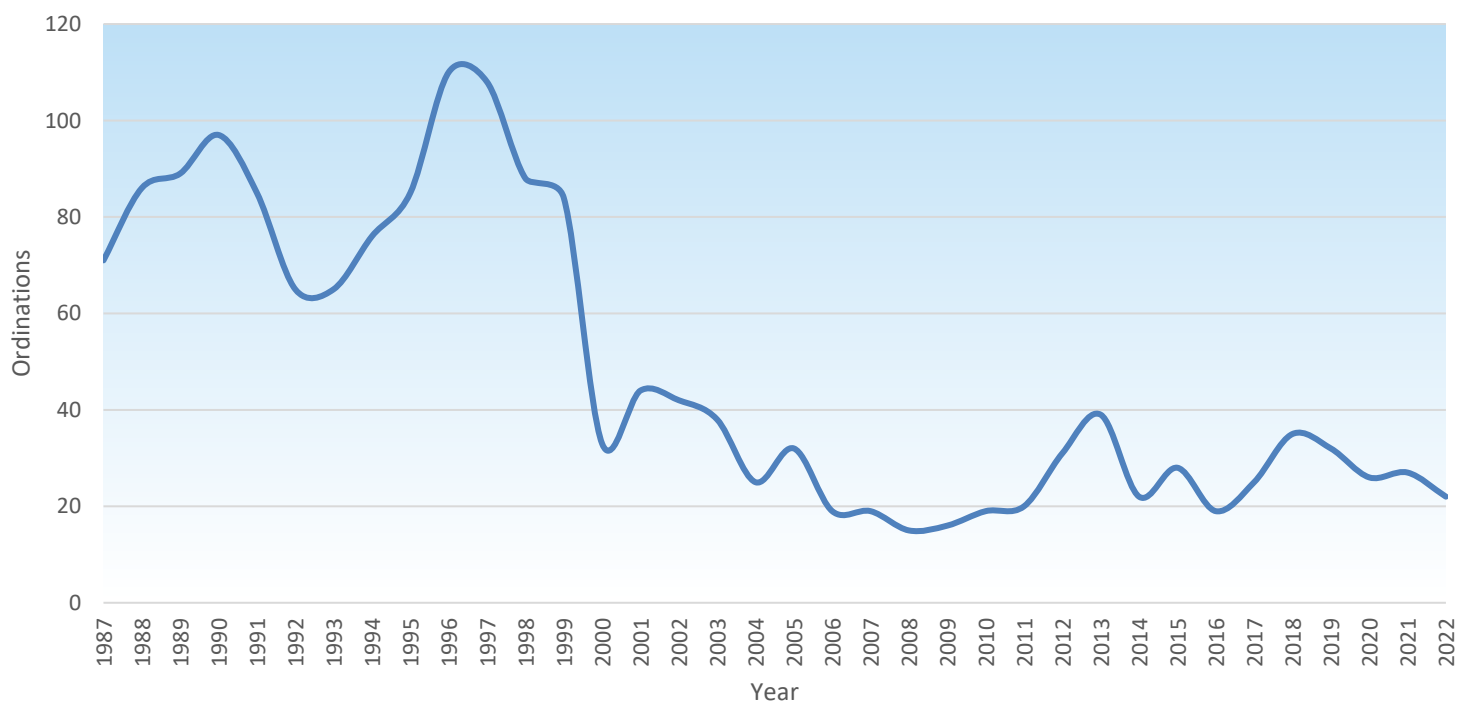
Total ordinations to diocesan priesthood: 32 (35 in 2018)

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

Projected

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Arundel & Brighton | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Birmingham | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Brentwood | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Cardiff | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Clifton | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| East Anglia | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hallam | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Hexham & Newcastle | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lancaster | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Leeds | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Liverpool | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Menevia | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Middlesbrough | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northampton | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Nottingham | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Plymouth | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Portsmouth | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Salford | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Shrewsbury | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Southwark | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Westminster | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Wrexham | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ordinate of Our Lady of Walsingham | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 26 | 27 | 22 |

Ordinations and Projected Future Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 1987-2022



Appendix

Entrants into Religious Communities in England and Wales 1987-2019

| 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 |

These statistics are provided by the Conference of Religious and the National Office for Vocation.

*This figure does not include the 10 former Anglican sisters who established an autonomous monastery within the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.