

**COMMISSION FOR CLERGY
VOCATIONS STATISTICS 2023**

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	0	0	0	0
Birmingham	0	0	0	0
Brentwood	0	0	0	0
Cardiff	0	0	0	0
Clifton	1	0	1	0
East Anglia	0	0	0	0
Hallam	0	0	0	0
Hexham & Newcastle	1	0	1	0
Lancaster	0	0	0	0
Leeds	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0
Menevia	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough	1	1	0	0
Northampton	1	1	0	0
Nottingham	2	2	0	0
Plymouth	1	0	1	1
Portsmouth	1	1	0	0
Salford	0	0	0	0
Shrewsbury	2	1	1	0
Southwark	2	1	1	0
Westminster	6	2	4	2
Wrexham	0	0	0	0
Ordinariate	1	0	1	0
TOTAL THIS YEAR	19	9	10	3
<i>Total last year 2022</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6</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)

$$9 + (10 - 3) = 16$$

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

2023 = 16

2022 = 23

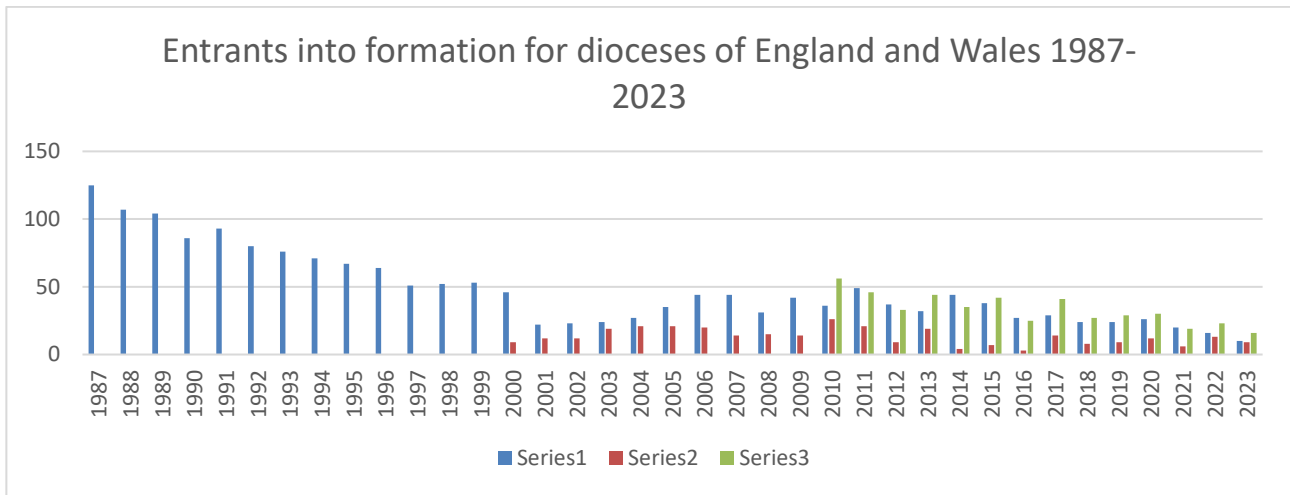
2021 = 18

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 – Analysis by Age at Entry

Age Range	Diocesan Priesthood	
	Pre- Seminary	Diocesan Seminary
17-18	0	0
19-22	0	1
23-25	5	2
26-30	0	1
31-35	3	0
36-40	0	1
41-50	1	2
51+	0	3
TOTAL	9	10

- Average age for entry to propaedeutic year: 29
- Average age for entry to diocesan seminary: 40.8

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

	As of Sept 2023	(2022)
Number of students in propaedeutic year	9	(13)
Number of students in seminary formation (including those on pastoral placement)	92	(91)
Students not in seminary but still in a programme of formation	9	(13)
Total number of those in formation for diocesan/ordinate priesthood	110	(121)

- *New students sent to Valladolid Propaedeutic Year* 7
- *New students sent to Diocesan Propaedeutic Year* 0
- *Unknowns* 2

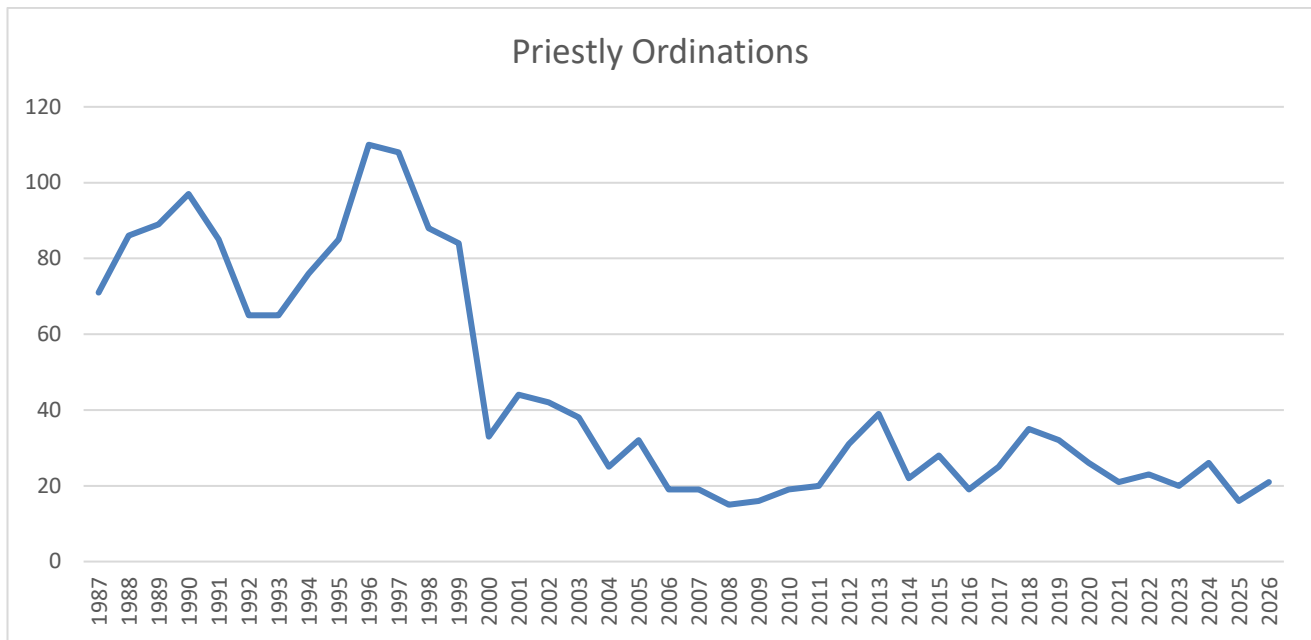
Number of Ordinations to the Diocesan/Ordinate Priesthood in England & Wales 2023

Total ordinations to diocesan priesthood: **20** (23 in 2022)

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

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>
	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arundel & Brighton	0	2	2	0
Birmingham	0	1	1	3
Brentwood	0	2	0	3
Cardiff	0	1	0	0
Clifton	1	0	0	0
East Anglia	0	1	0	3
Hallam	0	1	0	0
Hexham & Newcastle	2	1	0	1
Lancaster	0	1	0	1
Leeds	2	0	1	0
Liverpool	1	4	0	1
Menevia	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough	1	0	0	0
Northampton	0	0	1	1
Nottingham	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	1
Portsmouth	2	2	2	2
Salford	1	1	2	0
Shrewsbury	4	0	4	2
Southwark	1	2	1	1
Westminster	4	3	2	1
Wrexham	0	0	0	0
Ordinate	1	4	0	1
TOTAL	20	26	16	21

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



Please note that Conference of Religious (COR) have changed their data collection timings which means that they are not available for presentation. If any bishop would like a view of the COR and Non-COR statistics for 2022, please do not hesitate to contact Kinga Kosterska at kinga.kosterska@cbcew.org.uk