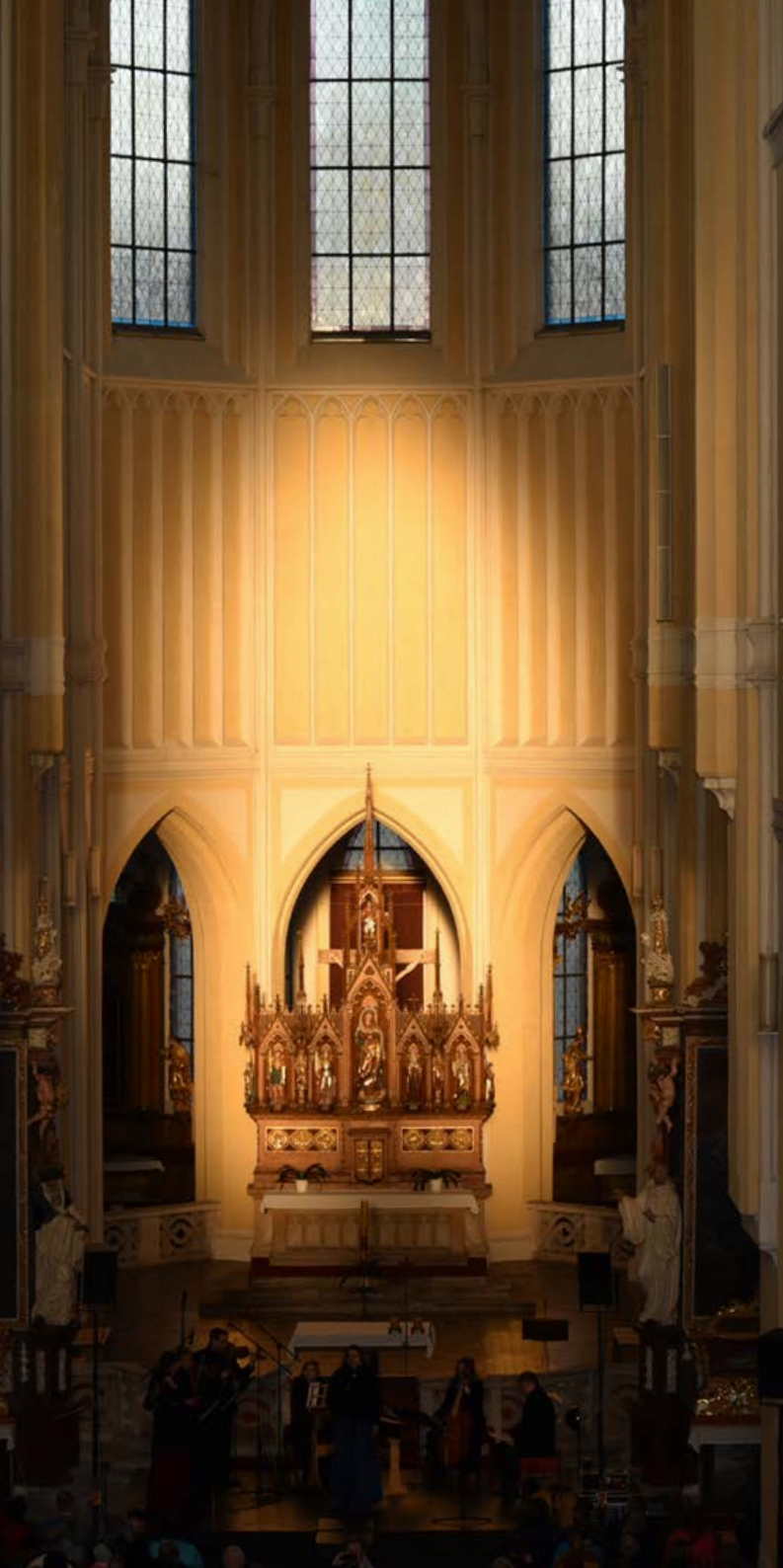




The Catholic Church in the Czech Republic



Dear Readers,

The publication on the Roman Catholic Church which you are holding in your hands may strike you as history that belongs in a museum. However, if you leaf through it and look around our beautiful country, you may discover that it belongs to the present as well. Many changes have taken place. The history of the



Church in this country is also the history of this nation. And the history of the nation, of the country's inhabitants, always has been and still is the history of the Church. The Church's mission is to serve mankind, and we want to fulfil Jesus's call: *"I did not come to be served but to serve."*

The beautiful and unique pastoral constitution of Vatican Council II, the document *"Joy and Hope"* begins with the words: *"The joys and the hopes, the grief and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the grief and anxieties of the followers of Christ."* This is the task that hundreds of thousands of men and women in this country strive to carry out. According to expert statistical estimates, approximately three million Roman Catholics live in our country along with almost twenty thousand of our Eastern brothers and sisters in the Greek Catholic Church, with whom we are in full communion. There are an additional million Christians who belong to a variety of other Churches. Ecumenical cooperation, which was strengthened by decades of persecution and bullying of the Church, is flourishing remarkably in this country.

You can see with your own eyes the Church in the present-day, praying in splendid buildings, most of which have been renovated thanks not only to cooperation with local and state authorities, but also to the generosity of sponsors and volunteers. You can see the Church caring for education at church schools and other similar institutions. You can also see that the Church is extraordinarily diverse and varied. It is created not only by parishes and dioceses, but also by religious communities, abbeys and monasteries and by their activities. It also includes work with the media, because we want the word of God, the word of Jesus, to be present in our society. Church Charities perform highly commendable, significant work by truly caring for those in the greatest need. The local and regional Charities are comprised of an army of several tens of thousands of volunteers, whose care is aimed the elderly, ill and handicapped, regardless of their nationality or confession.

This thin publication, together with the pictures included in it, thus tells a lot about the current life of the Church in our country. It shows that the present has developed from the past. It also shows how the Church is heading towards the future by caring for the next generation.

Cardinal Dominik Duka OP
Archbishop of Prague
President of the CBC

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The Catholic Church Worldwide



The Pope

Francis

(Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ)

The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, is "the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful," as the Catechism says. "The Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered." At the same time, the Pope is the head of Vatican City, a city-state in the centre of Rome.

The 266th pope is Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He was elected on 13 March 2013 as the first American to hold the papal office. Born in Argentina on 17 December 1936, he served as a professor of theology, the provincial superior of the Jesuits, the archbishop of Buenos Aires, and the president of the local bishops' conference.

The episcopal motto of Pope Francis:

„Miserando atque eligendo“
(By having mercy, by choosing him.)





The Pope Emeritus

Benedict XVI

(Joseph Ratzinger)

Benedict XVI, born Joseph Ratzinger, was born on 16 April 1927 in Marktl, Bavaria. He served as a professor of theology, a consultant at the Second Vatican Council, the archbishop of Munich and Freising, and – since 1981 – as the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

He was elected pope in 2005 and exercised this office until February 2013, when he resigned freely. He currently lives in the Vatican and supports the Church with his prayers.

Papal Visits to Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic:

John Paul II

21 – 22 April	1990	Prague, Velehrad, Bratislava
20 – 22 May	1995	Prague, Olomouc
25 – 27 April	1997	Prague, Hradec Králové

Benedict XVI

26 – 28 September	2009	Prague, Brno, Stará Boleslav
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Roman Curia

In his leadership of the Catholic Church, the Pope utilizes the departments of the Roman Curia which, therefore, perform their duties in his name and with his authority.

All the offices have a profile at the website www.vatican.va.

Structure of the Roman Curia

Secretariats

- > **Secretary of State**
Cardinal Pietro Parolin
- > **Secretariat for the Economy**
vacant

Congregations

- > **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith**
prefect: Cardinal Luis Ladaria Ferrer SJ
- > **Congregation for the Oriental Churches**
prefect: Cardinal Leonardo Sandri
- > **Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments**
prefect: Cardinal Robert Sarah, www.cultodivino.va

- > **Congregation for the Causes of Saints**
prefect: Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Becciu, www.causesanti.va
- > **Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples**
prefect: Cardinal Fernando Filoni
- > **Congregation for the Clergy**
prefect: Cardinal Beniamino Stella, www.clerus.va
- > **Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life**
prefect: Cardinal João Braz de Aviz,
www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va
- > **Congregation for Catholic Education**
prefect: Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, www.educatio.va
- > **Congregation for Bishops**
prefect: Cardinal Marc Armand Ouellet PSS,
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Dicasteries

- > **Dicastery for Communication**
prefect: Paolo Ruffini, www.comunicazione.va
- > **Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life**
prefect: Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell, www.laityfamilylife.va
- > **Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**
prefect: Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson,
www.humandevlopment.va

Tribunals

- > **Apostolic Penitentiary**
Penitentiary Major: Cardinal Mauro Piacenza,
www.penitenzieria.va
- > **Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura**
prefect: Cardinal Dominique François Joseph Mamberti
- > **Roman Rota**
dean: Pio Vito Pinto, www.rotaromana.va

Pontifical Councils

- > **Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity**
president: Cardinal Kurt Koch, www.christianunity.va
- > **Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts**
president: Filippo Iannone O.Carm., www.delegumtextibus.va
- > **Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue**
president: Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot MCCI

- > **Pontifical Council for Culture**
president: Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, www.cultura.va
- > **Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization**
president: Mons. Rino Fisichella, www.novaevangelizatio.va

Synod of Bishops

president: Pope Francis
general secretary: Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri

Pontifical Commissions

- > **Pontifical Commission for Latin America**
president: Cardinal Marc Armand Ouellet PSS
- > **Pontifical Biblical Commission**
president: Cardinal Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer SJ
- > **Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors**
president: Seán Patrick O'Malley OFMCap.
- > **Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology**
president: Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi
- > **Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State**
president: Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello

Councils

- > **Council of Cardinal Advisors**
coordinator: Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga SDB
- > **Council for the Economy**
coordinator: Cardinal Reinhard Marx





Pontifical Academies

- > **Pontifical Academy for Life**
president: Vincenzo Paglia
- > **Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy**
president: Giampiero Gloder

Other Offices of the Vatican

- > **Apostolic Camera**
camerlengo: Cardinal Camerlengo Kevin Joseph Farrell
- > **College of Cardinals**
dean: Cardinal Angelo Sodano
- > **Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See**
president: Nunzio Galantino
- > **Prefecture of the Papal Household**
prefect: Georg Gänswein
- > **Office of Papal Charities**
almoner: Cardinal Konrad Krajewski
- > **Vatican Apostolic Library and Vatican Secret Archive**
librarian and archivist: José Tolentino Calaça de Mendonça

The Roman Curia also consists of the Swiss Guard, the Labour Office of the Apostolic See, Governorate of the Vatican City State, Pontifical Committees and other related institutions.



Statistics of the Catholic Church in the World

The Catholic Church is growing all the time. Besides its spiritual activities, it is also involved in the education of millions of young people and aid for people in need all over the world.

People

According to data from the “Annuarium Statisticum Ecclesiae” church yearbook, as of 31 December 2017 there were 1.313 billion Catholics in the world. This is equal to 17.7% of the world population.

Compared to the previous year, the number of Catholics increased in all regions of the world. In Africa the number increased by 2.5%, in Asia by 1.5%, in America by 0.96%, and the smallest increase was seen in Europe (0.1%).

The most Catholics live in America: 48%, followed by Europe with 21.8%, Africa with 17.8% and Asia with 11.1%. The fewest Catholics live in Oceania: 0.8%. In Europe, 39.7% of the population identifies itself as members of the Catholic Church.

In the Catholic Church there were, as of 31.12.2017:

Bishops	5,389
Priests	414,582
<i>diocesan</i>	281,810
<i>religious</i>	132,772
Candidates for the priesthood	115,328
Permanent deacons	46,312
Women religious	648,910
Men religious (non-priests)	51,535
Members of secular institutions	29,841
<i>temporary</i>	1,307
<i>permanent</i>	14,491
<i>laity members</i>	14,043



Educational Institutions

Data as of 31.12.2017:

Kindergartens	71,305	7.30 million children
Primary schools (level 1)	101,527	34.56 million pupils
Primary schools (level 2) and secondary schools	48,560	20.32 million pupils
Colleges		2.35 million students
Universities		
<i>students of ecclesiastical studies</i>		464,000
<i>other students</i>		2.95 million students



Health and Social Institutions

Data as of 31.12.2017:

Hospitals	5,269
Other health-care facilities	16,068
Leper colonies	646
Houses for the elderly, chronically ill and hand-icapped (most of them in Europe – 8,475)	15,735
Orphanages	9,813
Matrimonial counselling centres (most of them in Europe – 5,676)	13,065
Social-educational centres	3,169
Other helping institutions	31,182



The Apostolic Nunciature in the Czech Republic

The apostolic nunciature is a diplomatic mission
of the Holy See in individual countries.



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in the Czech Republic
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The Catholic Church in the Czech Republic



Who We Are

The Roman Catholic Church is the largest organized religious community in the Czech Republic.

According to data provided by parish spiritual administrators, Sunday services are regularly attended by roughly **334 thousand** people. The most Catholics live in South, Central and Southeast Moravia, and the fewest live in North and West Bohemia. The Church, through its approximately **1800 priests** (including religious priests), tens of men and women religious and its lay faithful works with other institutions in the areas of the army, police, charity and education.

The Roman Catholic Church runs more than one hundred **schools** and educational institutions. Representatives of the Church participate in the management of three faculties of theology as well.

Caritas Czech Republic, established by the Czech Bishops' Conference, is the largest non-governmental provider of health and social care in the Czech Republic. It aims primarily at helping people in need in the Czech Republic; in addition, it runs projects of humanitarian aid and development cooperation abroad. It was the first to introduce the "Adopce na dálku®" program. The Church also manages cultural monuments, farms, runs hospitals, provides pastoral care and takes part in many other activities.

The Catholic Church consists of local churches (**dioceses**), which are further divided into **parishes** in individual municipalities and towns. Local churches create the **Bohemian ecclesiastical province** and the **Moravian ecclesiastical province**, headed by a metropolitan archbishop. The Greek-Catholic Church is active in the Czech Republic through an **Apostolic exarchate**. The Czech Bishops' Conference is made up of diocesan and auxiliary bishops of dioceses in both provinces together with Greek Catholic bishops. The Conference represents the entire Catholic Church in the Czech Republic.

The structure of the Catholic Church also includes **societies of consecrated and apostolic life** - religious orders, congregations and newer movements and communities. Other juridical persons with independent legal subjectivity are a further part of the Church's organizational structure.

The **mission** of the Roman Catholic Church is to worship God, to preserve and interpret the revealed truths of God, to proclaim the Gospel, to perform holy services, especially the holy liturgy, to create a visible and organized communion of the faithful of the Latin rite with Christ, based on a life in faith, hope and love, especially through piety, the apostolate and both material and spiritual benefaction.

The Czech Bishops' Conference (CBC)

A registered juridical person uniting all the bishops in the Czech Republic



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KONFERENCE

The CBC was established after the creation of the Czech Republic on 30 March 1993 in accordance with the statutes approved by the Congregation for Bishops on 23 March 1993.

The CBC, established by the Apostolic See, is a group of bishops of the Czech Republic who jointly exercise certain pastoral functions for the Christian faithful of their territory in order to promote the greater good which the Church offers to humanity, especially through forms and programs of the apostolate fittingly adapted to the circumstances of time and place, according to the norm of law (can. 447 CIC).





The bishops' conference is, according to the law as defined in can. 449, § 2 CIC, a juridical person. Its seat is Prague. Under the law itself it includes all diocesan bishops of both rites (Roman Catholic as well as Greek Catholic) in the territory and bishops' successors of the same status, coadjutor bishops, auxiliary bishops and other titular bishops who perform for the people in the territory or outside of it special functions entrusted to them by the Apostolic See or by the bishops' conference.

The conference contains: a permanent council, general secretariat, economical council and also various commissions established by the bishops' conference to achieve a specific purpose (can. 451 CIC).

Bishop-delegates have been named to implement certain tasks in accordance with article 26 § 3 of the Statutes of the CBC; they can also appoint their colleagues to form a council. The secretariat of the CBC has been established to take care of the daily operation of all organs. The Czech Bishops' Conference is subject to all the valid regulations of CIC, especially those of can. 447–459.

Statutory Bodies of the CBC

President: **Cardinal Dominik Duka OP**

Vice-president: **Archbishop Jan Graubner**

General Secretary: **Father Stanislav Příbyl, CSsR**



The Permanent Council of the CBC

The Permanent Council coordinates the implementation of general decisions made by the CBC and the work of the General Secretariat. It is also responsible for the preparation of matters to be discussed at plenary meetings of the conference, and for the proper implementation of its decisions. In addition, the Permanent Council takes decisions on all urgent matters which cannot be discussed during the regularly scheduled plenary meetings. If a decision is to be announced, a statement is to be published, or if a matter of serious importance is involved, then the permanent council takes action only after consulting with diocesan bishops.

The Permanent Council is comprised of the CBC's president, vice-president, the general secretary and at least one elected bishop.

Members:

Cardinal Dominik Duka OP - president
Archbishop Jan Graubner - vice-president
Bishop Jan Vokál
Bishop František Václav Lobkowitz OPraem.
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Commissions of the CBC

Commissions have been created to prepare materials for the Bishops' Conference for several areas of activity of the Catholic Church.

Bishops' commissions are established as needed, for either a limited or unlimited period of time. Their task is to prepare materials for the plenary of the bishops' conference, in accordance with their authorization by the plenary meeting or the Permanent Council.

Overview of Commissions of the CBC

1. For the Doctrine of the Faith

Bishop Ladislav Hučko - president
Cardinal Dominik Duka OP
Bishop Jan Vokál

2. For Liturgy

liturgical life, liturgical catechesis, liturgical space, art, popular devotion

Bishop Jan Vokál - president
Bishop Josef Hrdlička
Bishop Vojtěch Cikrle
Bishop Martin David

3. For the Clergy

seminaries, formation and life of priests, permanent deacons, pastoral care assistants

Bishop Vojtěch Cikrle - president
Bishop Pavel Posád
Bishop Václav Malý
Bishop Karel Herbst SDB

4. For Catholic Education

faculties of theology, church schools, matters of education in general, catechesis, courses and education for adults

Bishop Ladislav Hučko - president

Sub-commission for Universities

Bishop Ladislav Hučko - president

Sub-commission for Catechesis

Bishop Pavel Konzbul - president

Sub-commission for Regional Schools

Bishop František Václav Lobkovicz OPraem. - president

Bishop Tomáš Holub

5. For the Economy and Law

Bishop Tomáš Holub - president

Bishop František Václav Lobkovicz OPraem.

Bishop Jan Baxant

Bishop Vlastimil Kročil

6. For the Charity

Archbishop Jan Graubner - president

Bishop Pavel Posád

Bishop František Radkovský

7. Mixed Commission of the CBC and the Conference of Major Superiors of Religious Orders

Bishop František Václav Lobkovicz OPraem. - president

Bishop Martin David - authorized with coordination of the commission's work

Cardinal Dominik Duka OP

Bishop Karel Herbst SDB

Archabbot Prokop Siostrzonek OSB

Sister Krista Chládková OP



Councils of the CBC

Bishop-delegates have been named to implement certain tasks in accordance with article 26 § 3 of the Statutes of the CBC; they can also appoint their co-workers to form a council.

Councils of the CBC and their Chairmen

1. **Social Communications** / Cardinal Dominik Duka OP
2. **Laity** / Bishop Vlastimil Kročil
3. **Family** / Bishop Josef Nuzík
4. **Youth** / Bishop Pavel Posád
5. **Health and Bioethics** / Bishop Zdenek Wasserbauer
6. **Armed Forces Pastoral Care** / Cardinal Dominik Duka OP
7. **Prison Pastoral Care** / Bishop Josef Kajnek
8. **Romani, Minorities and Migrants** / Bishop Ladislav Hučko
9. **Czechs Abroad** / Bishop Václav Malý
10. **Ecumenism** / Bishop Tomáš Holub
11. **Justice and Peace** / Bishop Václav Malý
12. **Mission** / Archbishop Jan Graubner
13. **Culture and Historic Monuments** / Bishop Antonín Basler
14. **Information Technologies** / Bishop Vlastimil Kročil
15. **COMECE** / Bishop Jan Vokál
16. **Pastoral Care of Vocations** / Bishop Pavel Konzbul
17. **Delegate for Nepomucenum** / Bishop Jan Vokál
18. **Delegate for Eucharistic Congresses** / Bishop Jan Vokál





Protection of the Vulnerable and Minors in the Church

Together with the Conferences of Major Superiors, the CBC decided to set up a contact point, the goal of which is to provide care and help to minors and vulnerable persons who have become victims of sexual abuse by a priest or lay person in the Church.

The contact point arranges for expert spiritual and social care, including therapy and psychological assistance, and it provides legal guidance. The contact point has available a network of experts, including psychological therapists, spiritual advisors and legal advisors all around the Czech Republic. This service is free of charge.

We guarantee contact point clients:

- > confidentiality (in accordance with the law)
- > anonymity and protection of personal information
- > the provision of skilled care
- > information and contacts for any additional follow-up

It does not see to the initiation of a church court case or police investigation, but arrangements for these steps can be made at the request of the client.

Find out more at www.ochrananezletilych.cz

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The Life of the Church



The Church Educates

The Church School System

Education of children, youth and adults is a service for future generations, and it enriches both the Church and society as a whole.

For this reason, Christians are involved in all levels of education and run kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools, high schools, schools of music, colleges and other educational institutions. Catholic schools are open to all who wish to study at them. They help to advance the democratic principles of the education policy through equitable access to educational opportunities while respecting the freedom of choice of ways to education for Czech citizens, as guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms.

Church schools perform public service in the area of education. Church schools and other educational institutions are often attended by children from socially disadvantaged or large families.

The Catholic Church has established:

Catholic schools in the Czech Republic	Number of schools	Number of pupils	Number of teachers
Kindergartens	31	1,360	146
Elementary schools	25	5,041	494
Secondary schools	31	8,653	861
Conservatories	1	120	41
Vocational high schools	5	1,165	76
Total	93	16,339	1,618

The Church has further established a wide spectrum of educational institutions, including leisure time facilities, dormitories for youth, foster care facilities, pedagogical-psychological counselling centres.

These institutions have been set up by dioceses, religious orders and parishes.

The quality of church schools is proven by the number of those wishing to attend them, which greatly exceeds available capacities.

Church schools provide space in which talented students can develop, and at the same time they educate students from disadvantaged environments or with weak study skills (e.g. two-year special needs schools). Educational institutions serve as a low-threshold network and for the prevention of social-pathological phenomena (e.g. leisure time facilities).

Two examples:

1) St. Giovanni Bosco Secondary Technical School / Kroměříž

In 2018, the new St. Giovanni Bosco Secondary Technical School opened. It is run by the Olomouc Archbishopric. Applicants can study technical fields focused on forestry, agriculture and gardening. An important element of the school is its focus on comprehensive personal development, including its spiritual dimension.



2) Christian Pedagogical-Psychological Counselling Centre / Pilsen

Pedagogical-Psychological Counselling Centre is run by the Bishopric of Pilsen and started its activities in 2018. The main goal of its services is to provide assistance to children and families when they encounter difficulties in education and upbringing (activity and attention disorders, specific learning disabilities, difficulties in upbringing) or when they encounter challenges in the specific needs of gifted pupils or of foreigners. The centre also provides help with professional orientation. The centre offers consultations as well as comprehensive psychological and special pedagogical examinations (diagnostics).



Department for Church Schools of the CBC

The department is a service, counselling and negotiation centre for church schools in the Czech Republic. It cooperates with all church schools and educational institutions in the Czech Republic (from kindergartens to colleges, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish).

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Religious Education and Catechesis

The development of a person's spiritual side starting in childhood is an important task of the Church which is carried out on two levels.

The Church offers **religious education classes** at schools. Through these classes, the Church systematically presents Christian teachings and introduces children to what it means to be a Christian. Religious education helps children and youth harmoniously develop their physical, intellectual and spiritual abilities. It also instils in them a sense of responsibility, and it teaches them the correct use of freedom and responsible participation in the life of society.

The Church offers **catechesis** outside of schools. Catechesis allows every person of faith to continuously and systematically deepen his or her faith. This is not just about the transfer of knowledge, rather it is more about a real meeting with the living God and union with Him. Catechism focuses on building a community with God and with other people. It strives to make a person's faith continuously alive and active, so that it reacts to the call of God in today's world.

In the Czech Republic, there are more than **1,500 catechists and teachers of religious education** (data from 2017).

Department for Catechesis of the CBC

This is a body which monitors, initiates and creates the conditions for interdiocesan cooperation in the area of catechesis and religious education and its coordination. It fulfils tasks given by the CBC, which are beyond the scope of what individual dioceses can manage on their own. It arranges for the publication and updating of standards for the continuous education and formation of catechists and religious education teachers. It works with other sections, commissions and centres of the CBC. It represents the CBC internationally in the area of catechesis. A significant project of the section, katecheze.cz, is a methodical portal for catechesis and religious education.

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Faculties of Theology and Seminaries

Graduates find jobs not only in the Church, but also at schools, in the social and public sector, at cultural institutions and in the media.

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Number of students:

Academic year 2018/2019	Full-time	Combined
KTF UK	281	218
CMTF UPOL	485	620
TF JCU	344	458
The Archbishop's Seminary of Charles University - Prague	21	
Archbishop's Priestly Seminary - Olomouc	24	
The Preparatory College of Theology	10	
Pontifical College Nepomucenum	15	

Note: the number of "seminarists" (students training to become priests at a seminary) does not include students training to become religious priests. Religious education, studies of theology, religious studies and social work can also be studied at colleges and universities in Hradec Králové, Liberec, Brno, Ostrava, Prague and Olomouc.





The Church Helps

A basic part of the life of the Church is helping people in need in difficult life situations and being in solidarity with them.

That is why we establish healthcare facilities, offer social services, counselling and humanitarian aid and we attend to at-risk social groups in other ways as well.

Providing help to other people is primarily the specific task of Caritas Czech Republic, but it is also embraced by religious orders, the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Czech Republic and the Czech Leprosy Relief ("Likvidace lepry").

Caritas Czech Republic

Caritas Czech Republic, a non-profit organization, is the largest non-state provider of social and healthcare services in our country.



It primarily offers social services, healthcare and preventive care to those living in poverty or in a difficult situation, to people with disabilities, to the incurably ill, the homeless, the drug-addicted, prisoners, and victims of domestic violence or of human trafficking. At the same time, Caritas helps people affected by unexpected events such as flood, fire etc.

Caritas Czech Republic also significantly contributes to humanitarian aid and particularly to development cooperation abroad.

In the Czech Republic, Caritas runs **1,340 facilities** and individual local Caritas offices have almost **145,000 registered clients**.

Statistics from 2017

Employees	6,935
Volunteers - long-term	2,492
Volunteers in total	69,841
Hours worked by volunteers	360,369



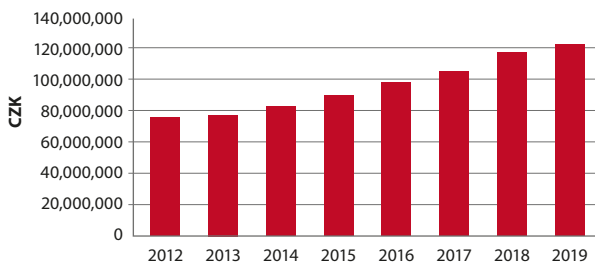
The “Three Kings’ Collection”

The largest volunteer-based activity of its kind in the Czech Republic.

The proceeds are used to support projects for people who are ill, disabled or elderly, for single mothers in need and for other socially disadvantaged groups; the largest part of the proceeds is used to help directly in the region where the collection takes place. At least one tenth of the proceeds are used every year for development projects abroad. More than 60,000 volunteers participated in this year’s collection (started in January 2019).

Proceeds of the Three Kings’ Collection

2019	122,301,612 CZK
2018	116,305,402 CZK
2017	104,425,895 CZK
2016	97,651,016 CZK
2015	89,373,094 CZK
2014	82,752,129 CZK
2013	76,972,556 CZK
2012	75,256,532 CZK



However, Caritas Czech Republic responds to a variety of needs and organizes other collections as well, especially for the people in our country and abroad who are affected by war or by a natural disaster. Caritas is currently running projects in 29 countries around the world as a part of its humanitarian aid and development co-operation.

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Some examples of projects:

Reception Centres and Emergency Homes

Reception centres offer one-time help and a place to stay overnight. Caritas runs **24 shelters** with a total capacity of **4,064 people**. The difficult situations of people in need are then comprehensively addressed in emergency homes. **Specialized emergency homes for mothers in need** provide help to mothers with children in need. In 2017, **42** such emergency housing facilities provided accommodation to a total of **3,381 clients** (parents and children).



Specialized Social Counselling Centres

People in need are offered assistance in specialized social counselling centres, where they can get advice on how to act in dealing with the authorities or where to find help; the centres are often engaged in debt counselling, labour-law relations, family and interpersonal relations, property relations, compensation for damage, consumer protection and other issues.

There are **72 specialized counselling centres** run by Caritas. In 2017, these made a total of **125,895 interventions/contacts for 32,757 natural persons**.

Hospice Care Services

These services aim at accompanying the sick and their families in a difficult life situation. Local Caritas offices run **4 hospice care facilities** (with a total capacity of 140 people; these were used by a total of 1,326 clients in 2017) and 54 health care services that operate on the basis of **home hospice care**, which works in a natural home environment (**1,363 clients** were cared for in 2017). In addition, in the Czech Republic there are other hospice facilities which are based on Christian values.



Pontifical Mission Societies in the Czech Republic

The Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) are a Church-run non-profit organization which coordinates missionary activities around the world under the direct leadership of the Pope. They operate on five continents – in more than **120 countries of the world**. PMS renewed their activity in the Czech Republic in **1993**, since their activities were banned during the communist regime. The goal of PMS is to proclaim faith and help people in the world's poorer regions. The societies help people in need regardless of their race, religious affiliation or nationality. In the missions, people are taught farming, and the societies lead them to cooperation while always respecting their dignity. You can find out more about the activities of PMS in eleven countries of the world through the application "Maps of Help" on the website www.cirkev.cz.

The organization also coordinates a variety of activities in parishes and spreads information via video spots and documents.

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Council for Justice and Peace

Within the CBC, the council is engaged in human rights in both the Czech Republic and abroad and acts against the violation of these rights. It monitors social and environmental problems in Czech society. It submits analyses of these problems and looks for approaches to solving them that do not increase tension between different social groups. It also presents the social doctrine of the Church to the public. For more information see www.iupax.cz.



Help Around the World

The Czech Church helps people in need in at least 283 places around the world.

The following organizations are just a few examples of our engagement abroad

- > Caritas CR
- > Pontifical Mission Societies
- > Religious orders (Women religious are currently implementing projects in 5 countries and men religious are in 18 countries, primarily through the missionary work of the Silesians.)
- > Leprosy relief

A complete overview of projects can be found using the web application at www.cirkev.cz/mapy.





The Church Provides Services in Healthcare

The establishment, running and development of healthcare services have been integral to the Church throughout its two-thousand-year history.

Through the activities of religious orders and congregations, the Catholic Church has established three hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Through Caritas Czech Republic and various civic associations, the Church also operates more than ten inpatient hospices, which combine health and social services.

Hospitals

- > **Hospital of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Borromeo in Prague**
www.nmskb.cz
- > **Hospital of the Brothers of Mercy in Vizovice**
www.nmbvizovice.cz
- > **Hospital of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Vincent de Paul in Kroměříž**
www.nemomil.cz

Homes for the Elderly

Around the Czech Republic, a wide range of homes exist. These are run by religious orders and congregations, whose charisma is providing service to those who are ill, suffering or in need. Their goal is to reduce the pain of those who are suffering, to give them company in the search for meaning in their suffering, to help them accept their own aging and death, and to accompany them in the final phase of their lives.

- > **Home of St. Charles Borromeo in Prague - Řepy**
www.domovrepy.cz
- > **Home of St. Elizabeth in Jablunkov**
<http://domovsvatealzbety.jablunkov.cz>
- > **Home of St. Agnes in Velký Újezd**
<http://dsvanezky.cz>
- > **Home of the Holy Cross in Kroměříž**
www.domov-km.cz
- > **Home of St. Norbert in Svatý Kopeček by Olomouc**
http://www.premonstratky.cz/domov_sn.htm
- > **Home of Mother Rosa in Rajhrad**
www.domaro.cz
- > **Home of St. Anthony in Moravské Budějovice**
www.dsvamb.cz
- > **Home of St. Elizabeth in Žernůvka u Tišnova**
www.dosa.cz
- > **Home of Blessed Bronislava in Humpolec**
<http://domovbronislavy.cz>
- > **Senior Home – Home of St. Zdislava in Opava**
www.socialnisluzbymarimum.cz/domov-pro-seniory-sv-zdislavy

Caritas Czech Republic runs an additional **48** homes for the elderly.





Hospices

Another form of care for the ill is provided by hospices. These care for the incurably and gravely ill. Their main goal is to provide the best quality of life in its final phase and to allow for a dignified passing.

The following forms of hospice care are available:

> **Home hospice**

Home hospice provides care to patients in their residences, i.e. in their home environment. They allow gravely ill family members thus to spend the end of their life among their loved ones.

> **Inpatient hospice**

This is a facility in which patients are given accommodation and care.

> **Outpatient hospice**

In outpatient hospices, the patient is given care during the day (from morning to evening) and then spends the night at home.

Other Facilities

> **Home of St. Faustyna in Dvůr Králové nad Labem**

(for residents undergoing a difficult transition period in their lives)
<https://www.kmbm.cz/dsf/byty>

- > **Misericordia in Dvůr Králové nad Labem**
(integrating the socially disadvantaged into society)
<https://misericordia.kmbm.cz>



- > **Sheltered housing of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Velehrad**
<http://chbvelehrad.cz>
- > **Day Care Facility Domovinka in Opava**
<https://www.socialnisluzbymarimum.cz/domovinka>
- > **Clinical Psychology and Psychiatry Outpatient Centre in Liberec**
- > **Domov Žlutý Petrklíč z.s. in Lomec u Vodňan**
(Congregation of the Grey Sisters of Third Order of St. Francis) provides social services for persons with mental or combined disabilities
<http://domovzlutypetrklic.cz>

Caritas Czech Republic

Caritas is the largest non-governmental provider of healthcare services in the Czech Republic. It primarily provides social services, healthcare and preventive care to all who need them: to people who are living in poverty or in difficult situations, to people with disabilities, to the incurably ill, the homeless, to people with drug addictions, to those who are in prisons, to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, as well as to people affected by extraordinary events, such as flood, fire etc. Caritas Czech Republic also makes a significant contribution to humanitarian aid and development cooperation abroad.

Caritas Czech Republic provides healthcare services in the following areas:

- > **Home healthcare**
There are 679 nurses employed in 87 home healthcare facilities. The number of patients treated has reached 35,732.



> **Healthcare in residential facilities**

There are 286 nurses caring for 2,384 clients in homes for the elderly and in homes offering special services.

> **Hospice care**

In 2017 a new informational website was launched for anyone who needs or is looking for hospice services: www.domacihospicovapece.cz. In 2017 a total of 3,242 users made use of hospice care.

Home hospice care is safe. It is provided free of charge to patients and carried out on a high professional level. There are 54 home hospice care centres and in 2017 Caritas nurses helped provide final care to 1,363 terminally ill patients.

Mobile hospice care underwent another year of the trial pilot project of the General health insurance company (Všeobecná zdravotní pojišťovna) and at the end of the year it was included in the legislative framework of the reimbursement decree for 2018. Caritas Czech Republic has 8 mobile hospice care centres, staffed by 35 nurses who cared for 553 terminally ill patients. Only 1.45% of the terminally ill patients were hospitalized due to complications.

There are 4 **inpatient hospices** run by Caritas Czech Republic. They are located in Červený Kostelec, in Ostrava, in Rajhrad u Brna and in Svatý Kopeček u Olomouce. They have a total capacity of 140 beds and in 2017 they served 1,326 clients.

> In some dioceses hospice services are supplemented by outpatient pain treatment centres. In the dioceses of Brno and Hradec Králové physical therapy **outpatient treatment centres** improve the quality of rehabilitation services in hospices.

> **Caritas nurses** also work in residential facilities – in homes for the elderly, homes offering special services and also in palliative care services.

Other Church Healthcare Organisations

- > **Maltese Aid**
www.maltezskapomoc.cz
- > **Cesta 121**
www.cesta121.cz
- > **Foundation of Sister Akvinela**
www.nadacesestryakvinely.cz
- > **Leprosy Relief**
www.likvidacelepry.cz
- > **Czech Catholic Charity**
(This is a specific service which the state provides for elderly nuns and priests.)
www.ckch.cz





The Church Accompanies

Today, the Catholic Church is represented in the army, the police and in prisons, where it is dedicated to spiritual accompaniment. This spiritual service was renewed in the Ministry of Defence (MD) on 3 June 1998.

Hospital Chaplains

Hospital chaplains play a vital role in the provision of spiritual care in healthcare facilities, or in social services. The term hospital chaplain is used internationally to designate a person who provides spiritual services in health-care facilities. They can be priests or lay people, men or women. Hospital chaplains work pursuant to a commission by their particular Church and based on a contract with the hospital. They offer ill people the opportunity for personal meeting and conversation, human closeness and accompaniment in times of illness, searching for a way to cope with difficult situations with dignity, to overcome loneliness and to find motivation, understanding and hope. At a patient's request, they can arrange for a visit from a priest or other religious leader according to the patient's wishes and religious affiliation. The hospital chaplain service is ecumenical in nature. It works on the basis of the Agreement of the Czech Bishops' Conference and Ecumenical Council of Churches of the Czech Republic from 2006, including addenda from 2012 and 2019. The activities of hospital chaplains are further guided by the Methodological instruction for spiritual care in healthcare facilities with in-patient care of healthcare providers of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic from 2017.

Currently there are **94 hospital chaplains assigned by the Catholic Church to 66 health-care facilities** which are united in the **Catholic Association of Hospital Chaplains** in the Czech Republic. An additional 10 experts and 19 volunteers in pastoral care are also members of this association.

The second umbrella organization, **the Association of Hospital Chaplains**, brings together mainly chaplains assigned by churches in the **Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic**. Currently there are **37 chaplains** in active service registered in this association. In all the association has almost 70 members (including former hospital chaplains, supporters etc.).

Military Chaplains

Military chaplains are ministers who are sent by the Christian Churches associated in the Ecumenical Council of Churches and in the Czech Bishops' Conference to serve anyone in the army who asks for assistance. The universal offer made by military chaplains, directed to all those working under the Ministry of Defence and to their families, is not necessarily of a religious character: it respects individual foundations and views as well as the atmosphere in a military unit operating in the Czech Republic or in an operation abroad.

A total of 27 military chaplains from the Catholic Church have participated in the Spiritual support service of the Army of the Czech Republic from its inception to the present day. Of these, 26 are members of the Roman Catholic Church (19 priests and 7 permanent deacons) and 1 is a member of the Greek Catholic Church. At the present time **13 military chaplains** are in active service - 11 Roman Catholics (7 priests and 4 permanent deacons) and 1 Greek Catholic priest. One additional permanent deacon is a military chaplain for active reserves.

Prison Pastoral Care

Prison pastoral care is a group of prison chaplains employed by the Prison Service of the Czech Republic. Currently there are 22 Catholic prison chaplains employed in this service (including 2 women) and 2 Greek Catholic prison chaplains. In addition, approximately 100 volunteers are involved, operating in almost all of the 35 prisons and remand prisons in the Czech Republic.



Besides organizing spiritual service, they also take part in the creation and application of educational programs leading to a change in prisoners' values. Spiritual exercises – one-day-long retreats – have taken place in several facilities. Chaplains serve other employees of the Prison Service as well and are advisors to prison directors in matters of religious life today.

Help to Minorities and People in Difficult Situations

The Church also assists migrants and Romani people and offers spiritual help to people in difficult life situations or crises.

Pastoral Care of Vocations in the Czech Republic

This care aims at helping a person to find God's plan for his or her life and to answer God's call. A team of priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful of the Catholic Church was created in November 2006 for this task. It is their great wish that young people find the vocation to which God is calling them.

Find out more at www.hledampovolani.cz.





The Church and Culture

Care for cultural monuments and for creating new cultural values has always been an area where the Church has been significantly involved.

The great number of architectural monuments in our country – not only churches - bears witness to this fact. The Catholic Church cares for more than 7,500 historical buildings, particularly churches and chapels, which are a significant part of the cultural heritage of the Czech Republic. Whether they are a thousand years old or of more recent heritage, an integral part of all of them is their artistic décor, which often contains splendid, priceless pieces of art. The most precious pieces, or pieces which used to decorate churches which have been deconsecrated, are often assembled in museums and presented to the public. The history and the present of the Christian arts is a subject of study at several universities in the Czech Republic. Excellent cooperation is developing between ecclesiastical subjects and various museums and galleries, and well-developed lecture activities are of increasing importance as well.

Besides the visual arts, the Church has always focused on other forms of the arts as well: monasteries were bearers of medieval culture in the form of copied manuscripts and even later on Christians took special care of books. Many monastery or parish libraries are open to the public for research, and the Church cooperates in this area with students of archival science. In addition, new libraries of religious orders or educational institutions of theology are being established.

Liturgy is inseparably connected with music – whether with what is known as classical music, which was created to accompany liturgical celebrations, or with modern music, which is especially preferred by young people. Christians are also involved in the audio-visual arts, in the area of new communication forms, and thus in contemporary culture as well. Publishing activities have both a rich history and present.



The Church and Family

The Church is not created by buildings, but rather by living communities of people who share their faith and help each other. This is why special attention is paid to families, the building blocks of society.

The Church operates **family centres** in many locations, and it also runs diocesan and deanery or regional **centres for family life** while providing **psychological counselling** for married couples, families and individuals in difficult life situations. At the same time, the Church also attends to other spheres of life and has established a wide variety of **citizens' associations** for these.

National Family Centre (NFC)

The Centre monitors the phenomenon of the family in Czech society and the legal, cultural and social conditions where families fulfil their function. At the same time, it promotes a pro-family climate in society. It supports and initiates pro-family activities and projects, makes available foreign experience in the area of family policy and cooperates with the makers of family policy at all levels – regional, municipal, national and international. It communicates with legislators and asserts “Family Mainstreaming” in the legislative process.

At the same time, the NFC serves as an educational institution specializing in the development of family and parenting skills, the prevention of social exclusion and primary prevention. It plays a role in pastoral work as a coordination and information centre for diocesan and regional family centres.

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The Church and Youth

Youth Department of the CBC

"The Church has a lot to say to young people, and young people have a lot to say to the Church." (St. John Paul II)

The Youth Department of the CBC is a tool of the Church in its work with young people. It has the task of educating, informing, and coordinating activities. It brings inspiration and suggestions to bishops not only from young people, but also from specialists in this field.



In close cooperation with the diocesan youth centres it organizes:

- > national meetings
- > youth participation in World Youth Days
- > study and formation courses for youth workers
- > it creates materials for practical use in youth associations

- > it publishes the informational-formational magazine "Budoucnost církve" ("The Future of the Church")
- > it sponsors the magazine for girls "IN! – dívčí svět" ("IN! – the World of Girls")
- > it runs the Christian youth website signály.cz
- > it supports volunteer service

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Diocesan Youth Centres (DYC)

Diocesan Youth Centres are homes established by the diocesan bishop which are open to youth and where a priest and young people live. They create programs for visits by youth groups and they themselves live in a community. The goal of the life is to show that human life has virtuous value, that service makes sense and to motivate young people to become engaged in society.

- > **DYC Mamre**
Osová Bítýška (Diocese of Brno)
<http://brno.signaly.cz/mamre>
- > **DYC Ktiš**
Ktiš (Diocese of České Budějovice)
<http://dcm.bcb.cz/DCZM-Ktis>
- > **DYC Vesmír** (Universe)
Jedlová v Deštném v Orlických horách (Diocese of Hradec Králové)
www.vesmir.signaly.cz
- > **IDYC Křižovatka** (Crossroads)
Příchovice (Diocese of Litoměřice)
<http://krizovatka.signaly.cz>
- > **ADYC Přístav** (Harbour)
Rajnochovice (Archdiocese of Olomouc)
<http://mladez.ado.cz>



- > **DYC Stará Ves n. Ondřejnicí**
Location: Stará Ves nad Ondřejnicí (Diocese of Ostrava-Opava)
<http://dcm.doo.cz/stredisko>
- > **ADYC Nazaret**
Praha-Kunratice (Archdiocese of Prague)
<http://adcm.cz/centrum-nazaret>

Children and young people can spend quality time in thirteen **Silesian youth centres**.



The Church Communicates

Proclaiming the Gospel calls for entering the world of media and new forms of digital communication.

Proclaiming the Gospel – the good news – is the primary task that Christians have received from Jesus Christ. Following the example of St. Paul, the Church makes efforts to use all means available in a particular time and environment to reach those to whom God's offer of salvation is aimed – in other words, to reach all people.

This is why Christians do not only use public media, but they also establish their own media and run Christian-oriented publishing houses.

The Internet offers an enormous range of options, and therefore Christians also make use of it to proclaim the Gospel. The Czech Bishops' Conference, individual dioceses, religious orders, parishes and other organizations have their own websites, and many of them are also active on a variety of social media and new media.

Digital cartography also offers new opportunities:

- > web search engine for masses and religious services – bohosluzby.cirkev.cz
- > church tourism – www.cirkevnituristika.cz

Print Media:

- > "Katolický týdeník" ("Catholic Weekly Newspaper")
- > "IN!" (girls' magazine)
- > "Tarsicius" (magazine for altar boys)
- > "Nezbeda" and "Duha" (children's magazines)
- > "Milujte se!" (for new evangelization)
- > "Světlo" (the weekly of the Matice cyrilometodějská publishing house)
- > Salve (theological review)
- > Immaculata (Marian bimonthly)
- > RC Monitor (journalistic biweekly)
- > periodicals issued by religious orders
- > specialized periodicals

Radio:

- > "Radio Proglas" (private Christian radio station)
- > "Vatican Radio" (Czech language department)
- > the Publicistika creative team for broadcasting on religion for the Czech Public Radio

Television:

- > "TV NOE"
- > creative team for broadcasting on religion for Czech Public TV (producer Patrick Diviš)

Člověk a Víra (Man and Faith)



This photography association was started in 2011 with the goal of developing Christian photography and making a contribution to the improvement of the behaviour of photographers during church services and rites. At the present time the association has more than one hundred members all around the Czech Republic. Their photographs are published regularly in church and other periodicals, in books and on social networks. It also runs the largest Czech databank of photographs in a church environment. Every year it organizes an exhibit of the best photographic works. Many of the photographs in this publication are from this association.

www.clovekavira.cz



Publishing Houses:

- > Karmelitánské nakladatelství (Carmelite Publishing House)
- > Paulínky (Daughters of St. Paul Publishing House)
- > Portál
- > Cesta Brno
- > Refugium
- > Matice cyrilometodějská
- > Krystal OP
- > Vyšehrad
- > Kartuziánské nakladatelství (Carthusian Publishing House)
- > Doron

Web Portals:

- > cirkev.cz
- > vira.cz
- > pastorage.cz
- > katolik.cz
- > modlitba.cz
- > liturgie.cz
- > katechismus.cz
- > breviar.cz
- > kancional.cz
- > sluzbaverejnosti.cz
- > signaly.cz
- > tisickrate.cz (satirical blog)
- > katecheze.cz

Web Portals for Children:

- > děti.vira.cz
- > kanan.cz
- > malyoslik.cz
- > <http://brno.biskupstvi.cz/kc/pomucky.html>

Social Media:

- > facebook.com/Cirkev.cz
- > instagram.com/cirkev.cz/
- > twitter.com/CirkevCz
- > the cirkev.cz channel on youtube.com

Mobile Applications:

- > And Bible
- > Misál
- > Liturgie
- > Bohoslužby
- > Kancional
- > Breviář
- > Modlitby
- > Izidoor (for spiritual growth)
- > Tweeting with GOD
- > Katechismus
- > Proglas
- > TV Noe
- > Vatican News



The Church Manages its Property

The Church is gradually preparing for life without state funding. It makes investments primarily in real estate and in socially beneficial activities.

The state is reducing funding for Churches, and the sum is lower every year. In 2030 state funding should be stopped completely. For this reason, churches in the Czech Republic are responsibly preparing themselves for the period when they will have to survive on their own. They are investing their resources so that they will be able to fund their activities in the future as well as develop them in accordance with their mission.

In 2017 **expenses** of the Catholic Church exceeded 6 billion Czech crowns. In 2017 the greatest increase was seen in costs incurred for **land management activities** (i.e. into agriculture, forestry and enterprise) – 1.6 billion CZK, which is 50% more than in 2016. Costs incurred for **primary activity**, i.e. for services provided by the Church and wages, equaled 2,874 million CZK. **Financial investments** (tradeable and ethical investments) equaled 259 million CZK, and costs incurred for investments in **social projects, education and care for cultural heritage** were 879 million CZK.

In contrast the income of the Church is decreasing. The Church is able to balance its offer of church services and socially beneficial activities thanks to rents from renovated buildings, gifts and grants.

Church investments are directed into four basic areas:

- > agriculture and forestry
- > buildings
- > pure financial investments
- > investments of individual dioceses

The investments of individual dioceses in their own business projects usually have an original, regional character (for example, some dioceses own local breweries).



The Church Opens Itself

Churches, other religious buildings and places of pilgrimage are part of the precious treasure that the Church wishes to share with all people.

Church Tourism

The Bishopric of Brno runs a web portal which presents Christian religious monuments, shrines, pilgrimage paths, places of accommodation and other interesting sites which share the Christian faith as a common denominator. In this way, the portal connects Christian heritage sites from locations around the Czech Republic with additional activities that help in spiritual, mental and physical renewal.

Many dioceses are now presenting this new area of activities at various leisure and tourism trade fairs. At the same time, the number of opportunities to visit churches with guided tours has been growing as part of efforts to open up churches beyond the times intended for worship.

www.cirkevniturstika.cz

Monastery Tourism

The goal of the Monastery Tourism project is to bring together the network of monastic communities which at the present offer their services to the public. Most common is the opportunity to stay in the monastic complex with the option of participating in the community's spiritual programs or just to experience the atmosphere of quiet contemplation and a different rhythm of life. In addition to accommodation, monasteries also offer a wide range of local products ranging from organic foods and liqueurs to ceramics and homemade objects to publications of spiritual literature.

www.klasterniturstika.cz



The Night of the Churches

During this event the public at large is invited to visit churches and houses of worship in the evening and into the night. The aim is to help people experience not just the cultural value of churches, but also to introduce them to a Christian environment of music, visual arts, theatre, conversation and encounters. More than 1,500 churches and houses of worship all around the country are involved in this ecumenical event, which has been held in the Czech Republic since 2009.

www.nockostelu.cz

Nicodemus Night

Nicodemus Night is one of the Catholic Church's pastoral projects. It offers a meeting with Jesus Christ present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The adoration takes place in silence, in darkness and in the presence of a priest, with whom one can meet for the sacrament of penance and reconciliation or a personal conversation. The Nicodemus Night website is run by the Pallottine priests.



The annual Lent initiative **24 Hours for the Lord** which takes place the 4th Sunday of Lent has a similar tone.

www.nikodemovanoc.cz

Christian Christmas

The idea behind this project is to bring the general public closer to the spiritual message of Christian Christmas by providing an opportunity to visit nativity scenes and thematic programs offered by Christian parishes and assemblies during Advent and Christmas.

www.krestanskevanoce.cz

Internet Church Services (iBohoslužby)

This Internet application provides a user-friendly database of Christian services and information about churches and houses of worship.

www.iBohosluzby.cz



Dioceses in the Czech Republic



The Catholic Church in the Czech Republic is divided into **two ecclesiastical provinces**: the Province of Bohemia and the Province of Moravia.

The ecclesiastical Province of Bohemia is comprised of:

- > Archdiocese of Prague
- > Diocese of České Budějovice
- > Diocese of Hradec Králové
- > Diocese of Litoměřice
- > Diocese of Plzeň

The ecclesiastical Province of Moravia is comprised of:

- > Archdiocese of Olomouc
- > Diocese of Brno
- > Diocese of Ostrava-Opava

Apostolic Exarchate

The apostolic exarchate is an organizational and juridical ecclesiastical body for the Catholics of the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite (Greek Catholics) who live in the Czech Republic. It is subject to the Holy See.





Basic Data

Diocese	Catholics
Archdiocese of Prague	558,000
Diocese of České Budějovice	283,767
Diocese of Hradec Králové	450,000
Diocese of Litoměřice	160,000
Diocese of Plzeň	117,500
Province of Bohemia	
Archdiocese of Olomouc	568,000
Diocese of Brno	500,000
Diocese of Ostrava-Opava	422,000
Province of Moravia	
Apostolic Exarchate	18,000
TOTAL	3,077,267

Archdiocese of Prague

Cathedral:

Sts. Vitus, Wenceslaus and Adalbert

Patron saints:

St. Adalbert, St. Vitus, St. John of Nepomuk, St. Wenceslaus



Area (km ²)	8,765
Population	2,316,000
Catholics	558,000
Vicariates	14
Parishes	147
Priests	315
(among them) Religious priests	148
Churches and chapels	1,020

Source: Information of the diocese

Contact:

Arcibiskupství pražské
Hradčanské nám. 56/16
119 02 Praha 1 - Hradčany
Phone: +420 220 392 111
E-mail: apha@apha.cz
www.apha.cz

The diocese was established in the year 973 on the initiative of Prince Boleslaus II of Bohemia and with the agreement of Holy Roman Emperor Otto I and Bishop St. Wolfgang of Regensburg. Pope Clement VI elevated the diocese to the rank of archdiocese on 30 April 1344 and thus established a separate ecclesiastical province for Bohemia and Moravia.

The archdiocese develops evangelization projects aimed at people who do not have formal religious beliefs, or at those who are interested in deepening their faith. The projects range from Internet Projects from the Pastoral Centre (vira.cz - "Faith", pastorace.cz - "Pastoral Care") to events such as "Education and Values", a week when the church presents to pupils from primary, secondary and high schools the cultural and spiritual heritage administered by it. It publishes a magazine called **Zpravodaj pražské arcidiecéze** (Prague Archdiocese Bulletin).

What to see?

- > Cathedral of Sts. Vitus Wenceslaus and Adalbert
- > Svatá Hora (Holy Mountain) pilgrimage site
- > Stará Boleslav pilgrimage site
- > Monasteries – Strahov, Sázava, Mníšek pod Brdy

Where to stay?

- > Panský Dům Guest House in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem
- > Hotel Chateau Clara Futura in Dolní Břežany



Archbishop
Cardinal Dominik Duka OP
36th Archbishop of Prague (2010)



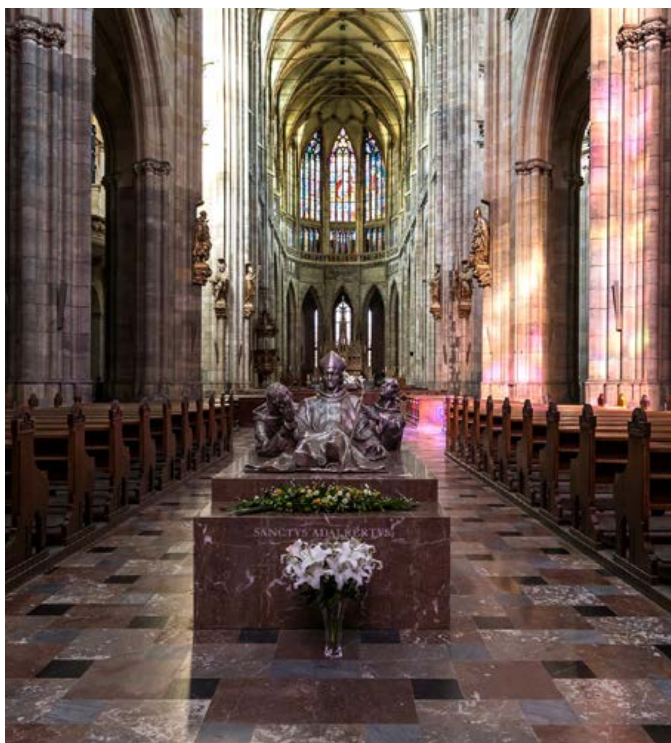
Auxiliary Bishop
Msgr. Václav Malý
(1997)



Auxiliary Bishop
Msgr. Zdenek Wasserbaeur
(2018)



Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus
Msgr. Karel Herbst SDB
(2002)



Diocese of České Budějovice

Cathedral:

St. Nicholas

Patron saints:

St. Nicholas, St. John of Nepomuk,
St. John Nepomucene Neumann



Area (km ²)	12,500
Population	740,000
Catholics	283,767
Vicariates	10
Parishes	354
Priests	122
(among them) Religious priests	37
Churches and chapels	551

Contact:

Biskupství českobudějovické
Biskupská 4, P. O. BOX 14
370 21 České Budějovice
Phone: +420 380 420 311
E-mail: ordinariat@bcb.cz
www.bcb.cz

Source: Information of the diocese

The Diocese of České Budějovice came into being on New Year's Day 1786, pursuant to a bull of Pope Pius VI in September 1785. Today it consists of 354 parishes in 10 vicariates situated in three regions: South Bohemia, Plzeň and Vysočina. The diocese publishes a periodical called **Setkání** (Meeting).

What to see?

- > Klokoty (Tábor)
- > Kájov (Český Krumlov)
- > Římov (České Budějovice)
- > Lomec (Vodňany)
- > Dobrá Voda u Nových Hradů
- > Křemešník (Pelhřimov)

Where to stay?

- > Dobrá Voda u Hartmanic / vintir-dum.eu
- > Kvilda / www.sasmcb.cz/objekty/svs-kvilda/
- > Ktiš / dcm.bcb.cz/DCZM-Ktis
- > Tábor-Klokoty / www.klokoty.cz/cz/poutni-dum
- > Zálší / zalsi.webnode.cz/
- > Železná Ruda / farnidomov.cz/Rekreace
- > Žirovnice and Počátky / farazir.casd.cz



Diocesan Bishop
Msgr. Vlastimil Kročil

13th Bishop of České Budějovice (2015)



Auxiliary Bishop
Msgr. Pavel Posád

(2008)

Diocese of Hradec Králové

Cathedral:

The Holy Spirit

Patron saints:

St. Clement I

Area (km ²)	11,633
Population	1,269,000
Catholics	450,000
Vicariates	14
Parishes	265
Priests	205
(among them)	35
Religious priests	
Churches and chapels	1,100

Source: Information of the diocese



Contact:

Biskupství královéhradecké
Velké nám. 35
500 01 Hradec Králové
Phone: +420 495 063 611
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www.bihk.cz

The diocese, with its seat in Hradec Králové, was established under Prague Archbishop Ernst von Harrach by a bull of Pope Alexander VII dated 10 November 1664. The diocese is located in the Hradec Králové and Pardubice regions and in parts of the Vysočina, Central Bohemia and Liberec regions. The Diocese of Hradec Králové publishes a magazine called **Adalbert**.

What to see?

- > Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Hradec Králové
- > "Mountain of Mother of God" pilgrimage site in Králíky
- > Our Lady of Help, pilgrimage church, Chlumek v Luži
- > Church of the Assumption in Neratov
- > Premonstratensian Monastery in Želiv
- > Benedictine monastery in Broumov

Where to stay?

- > Vesmír Diocesan Youth Centre in Deštné in the Orlické Mountains
- > Českomoravská Fatima, Koclířov u Svitav
- > Marianum Boarding House and Diocesan Centre, Janské Lázně
- > Pilgrimage area at the Mountain of Mother of God in Králíky



Diocesan Bishop
Msgr. Jan Vokál

25th Bishop of Hradec Králové (2011)



Auxiliary Bishop
Msgr. Josef Kajnek

(1992)

Diocese of Litoměřice

Cathedral:

St. Stephen

Patron saints:

St. Zdislava, St. Stephen,
St. Felix, St. Victorinus



Area (km ²)	9,393
Population	1,363,000
Catholics	160,000
Vicariates	10
Parishes	384
Priests	113
(among them) Religious priests	34
Churches and chapels	580

Source: Information of the diocese

Contact:

Biskupství litoměřické
Dómské nám. 1/1
412 88 Litoměřice
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www.dltm.cz

The diocese was established by a bull of Pope Alexander VII dated 3 July 1655. Today the Diocese of Litoměřice covers the area of two regions, Ústí nad Labem and Liberec, and also parts of another three regions: Hradec Králové, Central Bohemia and Karlovy Vary. The bishop publishes a diocese magazine called **Zdislava**.

What to see?

- > Jablonné v Podještědí the tomb of St. Zdislava, the main patron saint of the diocese
- > The Hejnice, Filipov and Bohosudov Marian pilgrimage sites
- > Part of the St. James's Way and the Via Sacra pilgrimage path pass through the diocese
- > "St. Stephen's" Bishop's Brewery in Litoměřice
- > The Cistercian Abbey at Osek

Where to stay?

- > Hejnice Monastery - educational, convention and pilgrimage centre
- > U sv. Štěpána Hostel in Litoměřice
- > Jítrava Clergy House
- > Monastery Guest House in Jiřetín pod Jedlovou



Diocesan Bishop
Msgr. Jan Baxant

20th Bishop of Litoměřice (2008)

Diocese of Plzeň

Cathedral:

St. Bartholomew

Patron saints:

Blessed Hroznata



Area (km ²)	9,661
Population	850,500
Catholics	117,500
Vicariates	10
Parishes	69
Priests	84
(among them) Religious priests	28
Churches and chapels	924

Contact:

Biskupství plzeňské
nám. Republiky 35
301 00 Plzeň
Phone: +420 377 223 112
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www.bip.cz

Source: Information of the diocese

The Diocese of Plzeň was established by a bull of Pope Saint John Paul II dated 31 May 1993. Msgr. František Radkovský was its first appointed bishop. On 30 April 2016, Msgr. Tomáš Holub became bishop of the diocese. The diocese publishes a magazine called **Zpravodaj plzeňské diecéze** (Diocese of Plzeň Bulletin).

What to see?

- > Cathedral of St. Bartholomew
- > Museum of Church Arts of the Diocese of Plzeň
- > Premonstratensian Monastery in Teplá
- > Paths on the St. James's Way leading through the diocese
- > Maria Loreto in Starý Hrozňatov, Church of the Assumption in Přeštice, Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Ignatius in Klatovy, Church of the Assumption in Chlum Svaté Máří, the Highway Chapel of the Reconciliation by Šlovice and so on

Where to stay?

- > Recreational centre in Boží Dar
- > Recreational centre in Pernink
- > www.bip.cz/cs/rekreacni-centra



Diocesan Bishop
Msgr. Tomáš Holub

2nd Bishop of Plzeň (2016)



Bishop Emeritus
Msgr. František Radkovský

1st Bishop of Plzeň (1993)

Archdiocese of Olomouc

Cathedral:

St. Wenceslaus

Patron saints:

St. Wenceslaus, Sts. Cyril and Methodius,
St. Christen and companions, St. Adalbert,
St. Vitus, St. Procopius, St. Cordula,
St. Ludmila, St. Paulina



Area (km ²)	10,018
Population	1,376,000
Catholics	568,000
Vicariates	21
Parishes	418
Priests	333
(among them)	93
Religious priests	
Churches and chapels	1,275

Contact:

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E-mail: arcibol@arcibol.cz
www.ado.cz

Source: Information of the diocese

The Diocese of Olomouc, as a continuation of the Moravian archdiocese of St. Methodius from the year 869, was established in 1063 by Pope Alexander II on territory appropriated from the Diocese of Prague. Pope Pius VI elevated the diocese to the status of archdiocese by bull of 5 December 1777. The Archdiocesan Centre for Family Life offers help to families in all 21 deaneries. The archdiocese publishes a magazine called **Oldin** - the Olomouc archdiocese informer.



Archbishop

Msgr. Jan Bosco Graubner
14th Archbishop of Olomouc,
69th Bishop (1992)
Metropolitan of Moravia



Auxiliary Bishop

Msgr. Antonín Basler
(2017)



Auxiliary Bishop

Msgr. Josef Nuzík
(2017)



Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus

Msgr. Josef Hrdlička
(1990)

What to see?

- > Velehrad, Days of the People of Good Will
- > Svatý Hostýn, pilgrimage site
- > Archbishop's Palace in Olomouc
- > Archbishop's Palace in Kroměříž
- > Archdiocesan Museums (Olomouc, Kroměříž)

Diocese of Brno

Cathedral:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Patron saints:

Sts. Peter and Paul

Area (km ²)	10,668
Population	1,387,000
Catholics	500,000
Vicariates	20
Parishes	450
Priests	331
(among them)	82
Religious priests	
Churches and chapels	1,486

Source: Information of the diocese



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Biskupství brněnské
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601 43 Brno
Phone: +420 533 033 111
E-mail: brno@biskupstvi.cz
www.biskupstvi.cz

The establishment of the Diocese of Brno was part of Empress Maria Theresa's ecclesiastical reforms, which in the 1770's had a radical impact on the life of the Church all over the Habsburg Monarchy. On the Empress's initiative, the Diocese of Olomouc was elevated to archdiocese pursuant to a bull from Pope Pius VI on 5 December 1777, and at the same time a new diocese with its seat in Brno was established in the southwest part of Moravia. In the diocese today, living traditions are still followed and joyous faith is still prevalent. Current pastoral priorities include care for the family and for the parish. The "Church Tourism" project, with its "Cirkevní turistika" brochure and website at cirkevnuturistika.cz, attracts visitors to dozens of pilgrimage sites. The diocese also manages the website for Night of the Churches and Christian Christmas, and publishes magazines for catechism, for youth and for church musicians.

What to see?

- > St. John of Nepomuk pilgrimage church in Zelená hora, Žďár nad Sázavou
- > Traditional feast day celebrations in Žarošice, in Mikulov and in Vranov u Brna
- > Diocesan Museum in Brno



Diocesan Bishop
Msgr. Vojtěch Cikrle
13th Bishop of Brno (1990)



Auxiliary Bishop
Msgr. Pavel Konzbul
(2016)



Auxiliary Bishop
Emeritus
Msgr. Petr Esterka

Diocese of Ostrava-Opava

Cathedral:

Divine Saviour

Patron saints:

Blessed Marie Antonína Kratochvílová,
St. Hedwig of Silesia, St. Jan Sarkander,
St. Melichar Grodecký,
Blessed Metoděj Dominik Trčka



Area (km ²)	6,150
Population	1,290,000
Catholics	422,000
Vicariates	11
Parishes	276
Priests	226
(among them) Religious priests	35
Churches and chapels	603

Contact:

Biskupství ostravsko-opavské
Kostelní náměstí 3172/1
72802 Ostrava
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Phone: +420 597 822 200
E-mail: kurie@doo.cz
www.doo.cz

Source: Information of the diocese

The Diocese of Ostrava-Opava is the youngest diocese in the Czech Republic. It was established by Pope Saint John Paul II on 30 May 1996 through the "Ad Christefi delium spirituali" bull. The diocese publishes a magazine called **Okno** (Window).

What to see?

- > Cathedral of the Divine Saviour in Ostrava
- > Our Lady of the Assumption Co-Cathedral in Opava
- > Basilica of the Visitation of Our Lady in Frýdek
- > Maria Hilf pilgrimage site by Zlaté Hory
- > Other interesting churches in the Moravian-Silesian Region open as part of the "Open Temples" project
www.doo.cz/otevrenechramy
- > The "Silesian Lily" international festival of contemporary Christian music www.slezskalilie.cz



Diocesan Bishop

Msgr. František Václav Lobkowicz OPraem.

1st Bishop of Ostrava-Opava (1996)



Auxiliary Bishop

Msgr. Martin David

(2017)

Apostolic Exarchate in the Czech Republic

Cathedral:

St. Clement in Prague

Patron saints:

St. Clement, Sts. Cyril and Methodius,

St. Agnes, St. Nicholas



Current estimated number of Greek Catholics in the Czech Republic	18,000 (a large portion is comprised of Ukrainian and Slovak nationals)
Number of deaneries	7
Number of parishes	19
Number of filial centres	18
Priests and deacons in spiritual service	31
Priests without assignment (retired)	11

Contact:

Apoštolský exarchát

Haštalské nám. 4

110 00 Praha 1

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E-mail: exarchat@exarchat.cz

www.exarchat.cz

Source: Information of the exarchate

Greek Catholics, or more precisely, Catholics of the Byzantine Rite, are part of the community of the Catholic Church, with whom they are in full spiritual communion. They acknowledge the authority of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope), however, their rituals are a bit different, as are certain disciplinary features. They celebrate worship services and conduct other liturgical acts in the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite.

The Apostolic Exarchate for Catholics of the Byzantine Rite was established in the Czech Republic by Pope Saint John Paul II on 15 March 1996. It is headed by a bishop who has all the rights of an eparchial bishop. An exarchate is the first stage of an eparchy (diocese) and is subject to the direct authority of the Apostolic See - it is managed by the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

The Exarchate publishes a bimonthly bulletin called **Exarchat** (Exarchate) and the Greek Catholic Calendar yearbook. The Greek Catho-



Bishop Apostolic Exarch
Msgr. Ladislav Hučko

Titular Bishop of Horaea (2003)



Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus
Msgr. Ján Eugen Kočíš

Titular Bishop of Abrittum

lic Charity has been active in the Apostolic Exarchate since 2008. The Apostolic Exarchate is also connected with the Institute of St. Cosmas and Damian, which focuses on the study of the Eastern Christian spiritual tradition in the framework of the history of dogmatic theology, liturgy, law and the spirituality of Eastern Christians, primarily of the Byzantine Rite.

What to see?

- > Svatá Hora (Holy Mountain) by Příbram – for the traditional Greek Catholic feast day fair (as a rule the last Saturday in June)
- > Velehrad – for the traditional Greek Catholic feast day fair (5 July in the afternoon in the Basilica of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and Sts. Cyril and Methodius)
- > All Saints' Church, Collegiate Chapter of All Saints at Prague Castle - for the traditional Greek Catholic feast day fair for St. Procopius (as a rule on the Sunday before or after the Saint's feast day on 4 July)
- > Church of St. Bartholomew in Frýdlant nad Ostravicí – for the feast day fair for the beatified Greek Catholic Father Metoděj Dominik Trčka, CSsR (at the end of August)

Important churches:

- > Cathedral of St. Clement, Church of St. Cosmas and Damian in Emauzy, Holy Trinity Church, Rotunda of St. Longin in Prague
- > Church of St. Nicholas in Plzeň
- > Chapel of St. Andrew in Karlovy Vary
- > Church of St. Joseph in Brno





Overview of Sacraments Performed

The Church accompanies a person throughout his or her life. Through the sacraments it helps make full key periods from birth to death.

Overview of Sacraments Performed in 2018

Diocese	Baptisms	Confirma- tions	1st Holy Communion	Wed- dings	Funerals
Prague	2,485	493	955	617	1,865
České Budějovice	1,762	181	446	417	2,151
Hradec Králové	2,262	301	737	611	2,503
Litoměřice	1,238	238	221	232	1,073
Plzeň	741	99	128	170	861
Olomouc	4,763	1,408	2,454	1,308	4,887
Brno	4,793	934	2,376	1,271	4,696
Ostrava-Opava	2,840	459	1,370	802	3,325
Apostolic Exarchate	258	259	84	42	20
TOTAL	21,142	4,372	8,771	5,470	21,381

Source: information of the dioceses/exarchate



Religious Orders and Movements



Religious Orders and Congregations

The consecrated life is an answer to the longing for happiness and a full life. It is one of the possible ways to follow Jesus Christ intensely.

Conference of Major Superiors of Men Religious

The conference is comprised of the major superiors of orders of men religious and societies of apostolic life in the Czech Republic. The conference's statutes have been approved by the Pope. It has been established by him as the ecclesiastical legal person and remains under his supreme leadership. Members of the conference help each other in addressing common issues; they support one another in religious life and help achieve the goals of each institution. They cooperate and coordinate their activities in the fields of pastoral care and charity and in matters that are to be carried out in cooperation with the ecclesiastical authority.

Men religious communities are particularly active in pastoral care and education; their members teach at universities, participate in publishing activities, and some work at Caritas or in healthcare.

**As of 1 January 2019,
there were:**

- > 656 men religious
- > 95 community houses

Contact:

Conference of Major Superiors
of Men Religious (CZ)
Markétská 1/28, 169 00 Praha 6 – Břevnov

President:

Father Prokop Siostrzonek OSB
Archabbot of the Břevnov Abbey

Vice-president:

Marian Rudolf Kosík OPraem.
Abbot of the Monastery in Nová Říše

Presidency Members:

Lukáš Fošum OP, prior provincial of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
Juan Provecho OSA, delegate prior provincial
Dismas Tomašík OFM Cap., provincial superior of the Capuchins
Josef Šedivý O.Cr., grandmaster of the Knights of the Cross with
the Red Star

Secretary:

Zachariáš T. Kristek OPraem.



List of Men Religious Orders:

- > **Order of St. Augustin (OSA)**
www.augustiniani.cz
The primary mission of the Augustinians is prayer; the brothers work at schools and lead an active life in the parish; they organize spiritual retreats and lead the community.
- > **Canons Regular of St. Augustine (CRV)**
Congregation of Windesheim – Paring (Germany)
They focus mainly on pastoral care and service in the parish and neighbouring churches.
- > **Order of St. Benedict – Slavonic Benedictine Congregation of St. Adalbert (OSB)**
www.brevnov.cz; www.rajhrad.cz
The monks live a Benedictine lifestyle: pray and work.
They support the spiritual life of the faithful in their parish.
- > **Order of Cistercians (OCist.)**
www.klastervyssibrod.cz
It is possible to join the monks for daily prayer of the Church.
They live according to the motto “pray and work.”

- > **Order of Preachers (Dominicans) (OP)**
www.op.cz
 Their activities are wide-ranging and include lecturing at schools and other places, preparation for the sacraments and pastoral care.

- > **Order of Friars Minor (OFM)**
www.ofm.cz
 The brothers organize spiritual retreats, lead communities, prepare people for the sacraments and organize programs for various groups.

- > **Institut Chemin Neuf (ChN)**
www.chemin-neuf.cz/cs/
 The Chemin Neuf Community is built on the pillars of the spirituality of St. Ignatius and the Charismatic Renewal movement.

- > **Order of the Brothers of the House of Saint Mary in Jerusalem (O.T.)**
www.nemeckyrad.cz
 Active proclamation of the Gospel and helping those in need.

- > **Society of Jesus (Jesuits) (SJ)**
www.jesuit.cz
 The brothers live in contemplation and offer spiritual exercises and accompaniment; they also work in education.

- > **Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (OFM Cap.)**
www.kapucini.cz
 They learn internal prayer and transmit this experience to the faithful.

- > **Order of Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (O.Carm.)**
www.karmel.cz
 The brothers organize lectures, publish spiritual literature, serve in hospitals and strive for internal prayer.

- > **Order of the Discalced Carmelites (OCD)**
www.pragjesu.info
www.klasterslany.cz
 The Carmelites live in silent contemplative prayer while serving people in the world, particularly through spiritual accompaniment. The Convent of the Infant Jesus of Prague also regularly organizes lectures, bible study and preparation for the sacraments.

- > **Military Order of the Crusaders of the Red Star (O.Cr.)**
www.krizovnici.eu
 The Crusaders are particularly active in culture, education, charity work and spiritual activities.

- > **Sovereign Military Order of Malta (Omelit)**
www.maltezskyrad.cz
 They are particularly active in healthcare and education, and they run "Maltese Aid", a non-profit organization.

- > **Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception (MIC)**
www.centrumhostivar.cz
www.farnostbrumov.cz
www.hradek.speaker.cz
 The brothers are active in multiple locations around the Czech Republic and lead various communities. They lead and provide pastoral care.
- > **Hospitaller Order of St. John of God (OH)**
www.milosrdni.cz
 The brothers run a pharmacy, kindergarten and a hospital in Vizovice; their service focuses on the ill.
- > **Order of Friars Minor Conventual (Minorites) (OFMConv.)**
www.minorite.cz
 They organize evening praise and spiritual retreats, prepare people for the sacraments and provide spiritual accompaniment to the faithful.
- > **Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo (FSCB)**
www.sancarolo.org/en/places/prague/
 The brothers serve in the Prague parish of St. Apollinaire, in the hospital chapel and in neighbouring churches.
- > **Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)**
www.oblati.cz
 They care for pilgrimage sites, serve as parish priests, work with young people and take part in popular missions.
- > **Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines) (SAC)**
www.pallotini.cz
pallotini-pastorace.cz
farnostfulnek.cz
 The pastoral care of prisoners, young people and senior citizens and the publication of magazines and books add to the missionary nature of the order.
- > **Order of Minims of St. Francis of Paula (OM)**
www.dc-vranov.cz
 The brothers organize spiritual exercises, lectures, conferences, events for families and young people, spiritual retreats and ecumenical gatherings.
- > **Order of St. Paul the First Hermit (OSPPE)**
www.paulini.pl
- > **Congregation of the Most Holy Sacrament (CFSsS)**
www.petrini.zde.cz
 The brothers are dedicated to contemplative prayer, and they care for the parish, organize spiritual events and publish a children's magazine called DUHA (Rainbow).
- > **Order of the Pious Schools (Piarists) (SchP)**
www.straznice.farnost.cz
 The life of the Piarist brothers is fulfilled through providing Christian education through work in schools and spiritual accompaniment of the faithful.

- > **Order of the Premonstratensians** (OPraem.)
www.strahovskyclaster.cz
www.zeliv.eu
www.klaster.novarise.cz
 The Premonstratensians live according to the tradition of St. Augustine. They prepare a rich offering of programs for believers and non-believers alike. They also prepare people for the sacraments, organize spiritual retreats and devote themselves to pastoral care. In the monastery in Želiv they run a restaurant, brewery and visitor's centre and in the monastery in Teplá they organize regular church services, as well as monastery tours and exhibitions.

- > **Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)** (CSsR)
www.cssr.cz; redemptoristi.sk
 Their mission is to proclaim the Gospel, particularly in popular missions and during spiritual retreats in parishes.

- > **Salesians of Don Bosco** (SDB)
www.sdb.cz
 They focus particularly on missionary work, education and evangelization primarily for poor and abandoned young people.

- > **Missionaries of Our Lady of Salette** (MS)
www.saletini.cz
 The Missionaries prepare biblical education classes and take care of the parishes entrusted to them.

- > **Society of the Divine Saviour** (SDB)
www.salvatoriani.cz
 The brothers strive to integrate all people into the life of the church and focus primarily on young people and families.

- > **Order of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance** (OCSO)
www.novydvur.cz
 In their monastery, the monks keep silence, and live by prayer and work. They earn their living by selling products they make themselves.

- > **Secular Institute of Schoenstatt-Patres** (ISCh)





Conference of Major Superiors of Women Religious

The conference consists of the major superiors of orders of women religious and societies of apostolic life in the Czech Republic. The conference's statutes have been approved by the Pope. It has been established by him as the ecclesiastical legal person and remains under his supreme leadership. Members of the conference help each other in addressing common issues; they support one another in religious life and help achieve the goals of each institution.

They cooperate and coordinate their activities in the fields of pastoral care and charity and in matters that are to be carried out in cooperation with the ecclesiastical authority. Women religious communities are active in education, healthcare, charity work, spiritual accompaniment, publishing, they teach at universities and their members are also specialists in assistance professions etc. Some communities live the contemplative life.

As of 1 January 2019, there were:

- > 1,065 women religious
- > 138 women religious communities

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List of Women Religious Communities:

I. Monastic institutions

1. Contemplative monastic institutions

> **Porta Coeli Cistercian Convent (OCist)**

www.portacoeli.cz

Contemplative prayer is regularly followed by work during the day according to the rule of St. Benedict.

> **Monastery of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers (OP)**

www.moniales.praha.op.cz



> **Convent of the Holy Cross of the Nuns of the Order of Preachers (OP)**

www.mnisky.op.cz

The charism of the order is prayer, work and silence for prayer. The sisters make candles, liturgical objects, rosaries and care for their garden and for guests.

> **Order of the Discalced Carmelites of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (OCD)**

www.karmelitky.cz

> **Order of the Discalced Carmelites of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (OCD)**

www.bosekarmelitky.cz

The sisters live in seclusion, in communion with God through prayer, which they dedicate to those in need.

> **Order of the Poor Clare Sisters (OSC)**

www.klarisky.cz

A contemplative order focused on the Liturgy of the Hours and on presenting the difficulties of people to God through the sisters' activities - work on liturgical vestments and making of candles.

> **Monastery of the Capuchin Poor Clares (OSCCap.)**

www.kapucinky.kapucini.cz

A contemplative order whose mission is the constant praise of God and prayers for all people; the sisters offer spiritual retreats for individuals, make candles and liturgical goods.

> **Monastery of the Norbertine Sisters in Doksany (OPraem.)**

www.klasterdoksany.cz

Contemplative sisters of the Premonstratensian Order, their main mission is common celebration of the liturgy and prayers for intercession. They live in seclusion according to the order of St. Augustine.

- > **Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance - Trappists (OCSO)**
<http://trappistevitorchiano.it/storia-fondazioni-nasi-pani-cz.asp>
 The sisters live according to the Order of St. Benedict, alternating liturgical choral prayer and simple manual labour. Their life is fully contemplative and bears witness to the Divine Primacy: *"Do not give anything precedence over love for Christ"* (Order of St. Benedict 4.21).
- > **Convent of the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary (VSM)**
 The sisters are active in Kroměříž. They aim to live in imitation of the internal and external virtues of the Blessed Mary, thus uniting contemplation and service.



2. Other Monastic Institutions

2.1. Monastic Institutions with a Superior in the Czech Republic

- > **Convent of the Elizabethan Sisters in Brno (OSE)**
www.alzbetinky.webnode.cz
- > **Convent of the Elizabethan Sisters in Jablunko (OSE)**
www.alzbetinky.jablunkov.cz
 The sisters run the Home of St. Elizabeth, a home for the elderly, in part of their returned convent, where they provide necessary care and support to 69 people. Their aim is to provide senior citizens with a new home, where they can spend their twilight years in an atmosphere of trust, joy and peace.
- > **Convent of the Elizabethan Sisters in Prague (OSE)**
www.alzbetinkypraha.websnadno.cz
 The sisters visit the ill in the neighbouring hospital, provide spiritual care and work with at-risk youth in their juvenile corrective centre.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Borromeo (SCB)**
www.boromejky.cz
 The sisters work with the ill, the elderly and with young people, and they help convicted women return to their lives and help people in need.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (SCM)**
www.cyrilky.cz
 This apostolic congregation is dedicated to educational, pastoral and social activities. The apostolate is built on prayer for Christian unity.

- > **Czech Province of the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Love (FDC)**
www.dcerybozskelasky.webnode.cz
 This is an educational, social and pastoral apostolate. They work with young girls (school), the socially disadvantaged (day care centre) and the ill (home for the elderly). They provide accommodation in the boarding house in their convent.

- > **Czech Congregation of the Dominican Sisters (OP)**
www.dominikanky.cz
 Preaching through words and life, out loud and in silence. The sisters focus on upbringing and education. Their activities include running a secondary school and a dormitory for female students.

- > **Sisters of the Apostolate of St. Francis (AF)**
www.frantiskanky.info
 Contemplation, reconciliation, witness, evangelization and service to those in need. These are the main features of the Order's activities.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi (CImConc)**
www.sestrynp.cz
 They work in parishes, schools and charities.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Third Order of St. Francis in Opava (SMFO)**
www.smfo.org
 The areas of the sisters' work are determined by the need for them. They are mainly active in education, serving the ill and in parishes.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis under the Protection of St. Raphael Archangel**
 The community is not active.

- > **Czech Province of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross (SCSC)**
www.klaster-km.cz
 The sisters look for new ways to proclaim the gospel to people, primarily in schools, youth education, healthcare and the social sphere.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Third Order of St. Francis under the Protection of the Holy Family in Brno (OF)**
www.frantiskanky.cz
 Their pastoral, social and educational activities are offered with their prayers for priests. The sisters offer accommodation to female university students and organize spiritual retreats for women and girls.

- > **Congregation of the Grey Sisters of the Third Order of St. (OSFGr)**
www.sedesestry.cz
 The sisters live in accordance with Franciscan spirituality and devote their work to nursing and pastoral activities.

- > **School Sisters of St. Francis - Czech Province (OSF)**
www.sestry-osf.cz
 The sisters are devoted primarily to pastoral care, missionary work and education. They also provide housing to female students, run a kindergarten and live in accordance with Franciscan spirituality.



- > **Bohemian-Moravian Province of the Norbertine Sisters (S.Praem)**
www.premonstratky.cz
 The Premonstratensian sisters provide accommodation to female students, help in parishes, focus on pastoral work and they also run a home for the elderly.

- > **Province of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)**
www.fma.cz
 The sisters work with youth; they run a secondary school, kindergarten and home for young people. They offer a wide range of activities, particularly to girls, in various formal and informal educational institutions and focus on evangelization and catechism of children and young people.

- > **Society of the Sisters of Jesus** (SSJ)
www.ssj-centrum.com
 The sisters work in a variety of jobs, particularly in service to the church and in their workshops. The sisters' specific mission is to help young people discern their vocation.
- > **Congregation of the Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament** (KSNS)
www.eucharistie-paramenta.cz
 Daily adoration, reconciliation for sins, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father and for Christian unity. The sisters help people at the beginning and end of their lives. They provide education and they care for the ill.
- > **Czech Province of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Hedwig** (CSSH)
www.hedvicky.cz
 The sisters' service is focused on social services, education of children and young people, and help for people in any kind of need. They organize spiritual retreats and also provide space for the spiritual retreats of different groups.
- > **Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (Silesian) - Bohemian-Silesian Province** (ABMV)
www.sestry-sluzebnice-npm.cz
 The sisters teach religious education classes, work in a kindergarten, work with parishes, lead a choir and serve the elderly in the Home of St. Francis for the Elderly.
- > **Czechoslovakian Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame** (SSND)
www.skolskesestry.cz
 Apostolic service focused on children and youth, as well as adults. The sisters organize spiritual retreats, evening praise meetings, prayers and a club for girls. The sisters run a Christian kindergarten called Karolinka.
- > **Congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame**
www.notredame.cz, www.skolskesestryhk.estranky.cz
 An education-focused community oriented to working with children and youth in preschool, school and outside of school, and to helping families through the values of the Gospel. The sisters run a kindergarten in České Budějovice.
- > **Czech Province of the Congregation of Sisters Comforters of the Divine Heart of Jesus** (CSC)
www.sestrytesitelky.eu
 A conciliatory congregation focused on caring for the ill in their households.
- > **Czech Province of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Vincent de Paul** (SV)
www.vincentky.cz
 The sisters care for the ill, and they also organize spiritual retreats and children's camps. They help in the Church in diverse ways.

> **Bohemian-Moravian Province of the Ursulines of the Roman Union** (OSU)

www.vorsilky.cz

The education-focused order, which is both contemplative and apostolic, runs two primary schools - in Prague and in Olomouc. The specifics of the sisters' work change to meet current needs.

2.2. Monastic Institutions without a Superior in the Czech Republic

> **VENIO – Convent of Benedictine Sisters, Abbey of the Transfiguration of our Lord** (OSB)

www.benediktinky.cz

The Benedictine sisters organize spiritual retreats for one day or more, as well as meditation days, pilgrimages, lectures and concerts.

> **Czech Province of Congregatio Jesu** (CJ)

www.congregatio-jesu.tode.cz

The sisters focus on social and pastoral care and education of young girls. They also work in healthcare and help the critically ill.

> **Contemplative Sisters of St. Dominic** (OP)

A union of the apostolic and contemplative life.

> **Convent of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart** (FMSC)

Missionary work and pastoral care for excluded and poor people.

> **Czechoslovakian Province of the Sisters of Mercy of Our Lady of Jerusalem** (OT)

The sisters of mercy are particularly active in healthcare and in charity work and pastoral care.

> **Convent of the Congregation of the Carmelite Sisters** (INSC)

www.karmel.stipa.cz

The sisters offer catechesis for children and young people; they care for the ill in hospitals, for older and lonely people in homes for the elderly and provide nursing care to people in need.

> **Congregation of the Carmelite Sisters of the Infant Jesus** (CSCIJ)

www.karmeldj.cz

Discovering the "little way of spiritual childhood" following the example of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Pastoral care focused on children and help in running the Church of Our Lady Victorious (Infant Jesus of Prague).

> **Convent of the Carmelite Sisters of St. Teresa** (CSTF)

www.cestanahoru.org

The sisters work with the academic parish of the Holy Saviour in Prague. In their house they offer housing to female students.

> **Monastic House of the Institute of the Daughters of St. Paul (FSP)**

www.paulinky.cz

The mission of the Daughters of St. Paul is activity in the media, where they live out their consecration.

> **Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (KMBM)**

www.kmbm.cz

The sisters spread Divine mercy through their actions, words and prayers (lectures, spiritual retreats, Christian psychological counselling services, work in the parish, activities in the social sphere - starter flats, work with at-risk children and youth).

> **Community of the Infant Jesus Sisters of Nicolas Barré (SDJ)**

<http://rad.katolik.cz/sdj>; infantjesussisters.org

The sisters focus on the spiritual accompaniment of the faithful and also help people in their personal growth.

> **Fraternity of the Little Sisters of Jesus (FSMJ)**

www.male-sestry-jezisovy.cz

The sisters encounter Jesus every day in the prayer of adoration and they invite everyone to join them. Their community is open to all people.



> **Missionaries of Charity (MC)**

The sisters of Mother Theresa offer a rich program for a variety of people.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour** (CSSsS)
www.spasitelky.sk
 The sisters work in healthcare. They are devoted to pastoral care and educational activities.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of Angels** (CSA)
www.cs.siostryodaniolow.pl
 The sisters help priests who are in difficult situations.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth** (CSSE)
www.alzbetanky.webnode.cz
 The sisters care for the ill in hospitals, and for people who are alone in Homes for the Elderly and in assisted living homes. They also organize spiritual retreats for children and youth.

- > **Community of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit** (SSpS)
www.ssps.sk
 More than 3,000 sisters from 51 nationalities live in international communities in 50 countries around the world and serve people, so that they can live their lives to the full. They proclaim the Gospel in places where it has not yet been sufficiently proclaimed and support life, especially in difficult situations and crises. In the Czech Republic, they are active in Přerov.

- > **Convent of the Servers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** (SSCJ)
herzjesu-schwestern.at / www.sercankiregion.pl
 The sisters work in education and healthcare; they organize spiritual retreats and offer the opportunity to spend time in the peace of their convent.

- > **Congregation of the Sisters Disciples of the Divine Master** (PDDM)
www.pddm.cz
 The sisters sell religious goods in Brno, they offer a place for quiet contemplation in their chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. Their prayers are offered for priests.

- > **Congregation of the Medical Missionaries of Mary** (MMM)
 The Community is not active.

II. Societies of the Apostolic Life

- > **Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul** (DKL)
www.vincentky.sk
 The Company's mission is to serve all in need in the areas of healthcare, social services and pastoral care. In the Czech Republic, the sisters work in social services, hospitals, and also in providing pastoral care to children and young people, including university students, families and the ill.

III. Secular Institutes

- > **Secular Institute “Madonna della Strada” (MDS)**
www.simds.cz
The women live a consecrated life in the world and let the light of Christ’s love shine around them through their work.
- > **Centre of the Secular Institute “SERVITIUMCHRISTI” (CSI-SCH)**
eucharistie.cz/czech/sss/servici.html
This is a society of women whose lives are focused on the Eucharist - daily adoration and holy mass sanctify them for their secular work.
- > **Czech Province of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary (ISSM)**
www.s-ms.org
Accommodation is available at the boarding house of the Schoenstatt Sisters in Rokole. They organize spiritual retreats for young people and families.
- > **Secular Institute of the Work of Blessed Zdislava (DBZ)**
www.zdislavky.wbs.cz
The sisters are part of the Dominican family and work in their parishes, where they teach religious education, take care of the church, help priests and act as apostles in their surroundings.





Church Movements

New movements and communities bear witness to the diversity of the Church. They grow out of initiatives inspired by the Holy Spirit, and they long to develop and serve in specific areas of life.

A wide variety of groups (communities) exist within the Church, allowing every person of faith to put his or her gifts and talents to use in a specific way.

Each of these initiatives fills different needs of the Church and the world, and they complement each other. They are a fruit of the diversity of the Church's life.

Catholic Movements and New Communities in the Czech Republic:

- > **Community of the Beatitudes** / www.blahoslavenstvi.cz
The community's characteristic feature is a life that is both contemplative and apostolic and includes service to the local Church.
- > **Comunione e Liberazione** / cz.clonline.org
The movement aims to lead its followers to Christian maturity, and thus to cooperate to the Church's mission in all spheres of contemporary life.

- > **Cursillo** / cursillo.hyperlink.cz
Cursillo is a global movement of priests and laypeople, who take part in the Church's evangelization activities around the world. Its primary activity is the organization of weekend courses that help strengthen participants' relationship with God.
- > **Emmanuel Community** / emmanuel.cz
Emmanuel means "God with Us" and the community's members try primarily to come to know Jesus as the centre of their own everyday lives.
- > **Fatima Apostolate** / cm-fatima.cz
The apostolate's main mission is the renewal of the Church through praying the rosary in unity with Mary, Mother of Jesus, in the spirit of the Pentecostal Cenacle.
- > **Focolare Movement** / focolare.cz
The movement strives to fulfil the Gospel in the spirit of Jesus's call "that they may be one" and it is involved in interreligious dialogue in many countries around the world.
- > **Charismatic Renewal** / www.cho.cz
Charismatic renewal is one of the ways to re-discover the mystery of the Pentecost, the mystery of Christian life lived from the gifts of God, from the power and love of the Holy Spirit which has been poured into our hearts.
- > **Chemin Neuf Community** / chemin-neuf.cz
This is an originally French Roman Catholic community with a call to ecumenism. It develops activities for spiritual formation and evangelization.
- > **Koinonia John the Baptist** / koinonia.cz
The association is founded as a living community built on friendship, experiencing prayer under the powerful workings of the Holy Spirit and bearing witness to joy in Christ's resurrection.
- > **Legion of Mary** / legio-mariae.cz
The goal of the Legion of Mary lay organization is to develop its members' spiritual life and to spread the kingdom of Christ through Our Lady.
- > **Miles Jesu** / www.milesjesu.org/?lang=sk
The main charismata of Miles Jesu are the formation of laypeople, work for Christian unity, helping young people to find their orientation in life, and providing help to the poor and the sick in the poorest countries.
- > **Mothers Prayers** / modlitbymatek.cz
The Mothers Prayers movement is built on regular meetings and prayers for the mothers' children and own families.
- > **Neocatechumenal Way** / camminoneocatecumenale.it
The term "neocatechumenal way" describes a means for the spiritual formation of adults, who have already been baptized but have not yet received sufficient Christian preparation and training.



- > **Noah Community** / komunitanoe.cz
This is an open Christian community seeking to live an authentic life from the Gospel in the midst of today's society and helping people in difficult situations.
- > **Regnum Christi** / regnumchristi.org/slovensky
This is an international Catholic movement whose spirituality emphasizes love of Christ, Our Lady, the Church and the Pope.
- > **Sant' Egidio Community** / santegidio.cz
The Community's mission is to serve and bring Christ to poor people on the edge of society.
- > **The Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt** / schoenstatt.cz
The spirituality and structure of the Schoenstatt movement helps people who are seeking the harmonious development of their entire being, their natural abilities and their relationship with God.
- > **Light-Life** / svetlo-zivot.cz
The aim of the movement is expressed in brief by its name, which denotes the unity of life or behaviour with light, which is a gift of God. Its members' spirituality is manifested in the continuous deepening of their personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- > **Faith and Light** / viraasvetlo.evangnet.cz
Faith and Light is a movement based on a community. At the heart of this community there are people with varying degrees of mental disability.



Personal Prelatures

Unlike dioceses, personal prelatures are not defined geographically, but rather by the type of person who belongs to the prelature. Their unifying element can be language, nationality or vocation.

They can be established by the Apostolic See after consultation with the relevant Bishops' conferences, to support an appropriate distribution of priests or the discharge of special pastoral or missionary tasks in different regions or in different social groups.

In the Catholic Church there is the personal prelature of the Holy Cross and **Opus Dei** (abbreviated as Opus Dei), which is also active in the Czech Republic. Opus Dei was established by Pope Saint John Paul II as a personal prelature with international standing through the apostolic constitution *Ut Sit* on 28 November 1982. This specific pastoral task consists in **spreading the ideal of holiness through the world**, at work, under the specific conditions of each individual person of faith of the prelature.

The personal prelature is governed by the statutes issued by the Apostolic See, headed by the **prelate** as its own ordinary.

The statutes also determine the relationship between the personal prelature and the local ordinaries, in whose local churches the personal prelature conducts or plans on conducting his pastoral or missionary activities with the prior consent of the diocesan bishop. CIC 294-297.





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