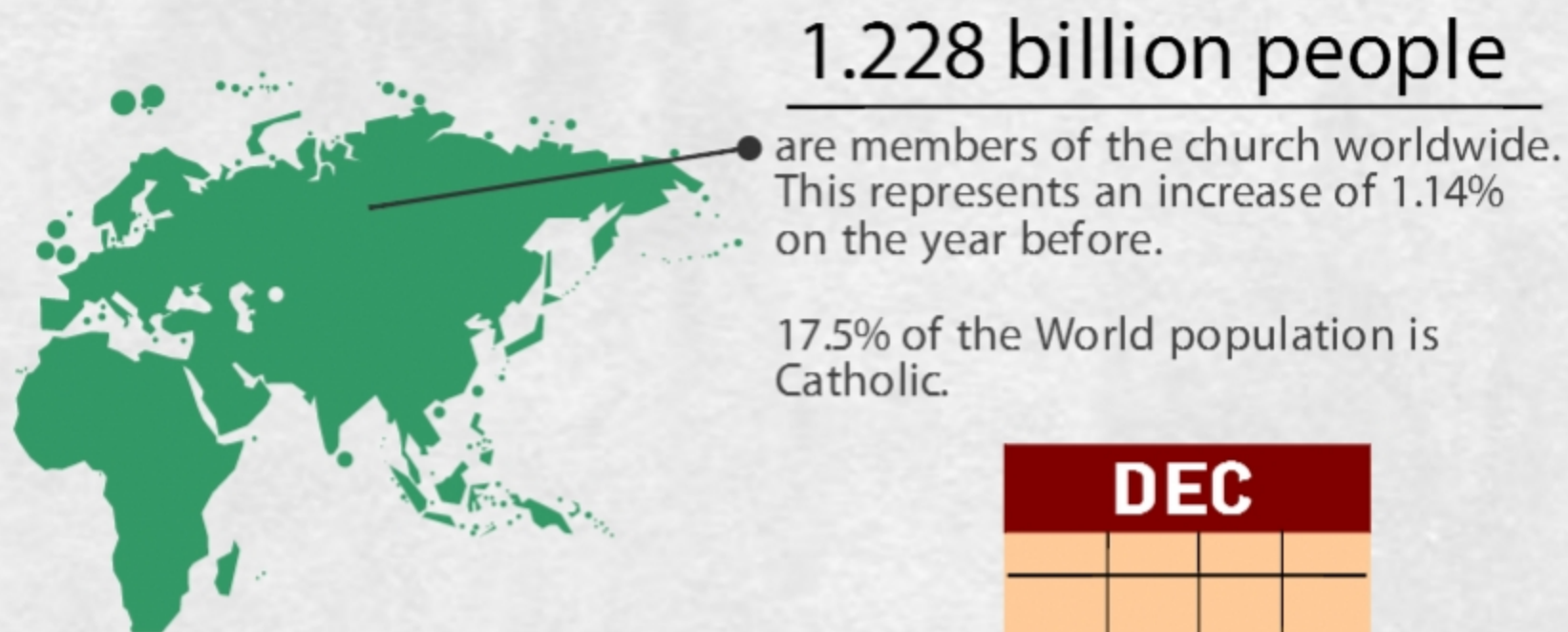


7 FACTS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Based on the 2012 Statistical Yearbook



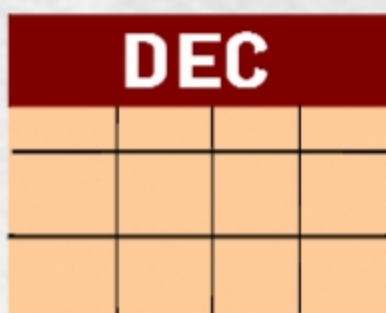
Religious Sisters and Nuns

Numbers have fallen 5.9% since 2007.



Baptisms

There were 16.4 million Baptisms of children and adults in 2012.



Priests

Asia saw a 13.7% increase in the number of priests between 2007 and 2012.



Catholics as a Percentage of the Population in the Americas.

in Asia, this percentage drops to 3.2%.

63.2%

Permanent Deacons

97% of the World's permanent Deacons live in either the Americas or Europe.



Clergy and Religious by Numbers

The Catholic Church has, worldwide:

- 5,133 Bishops
- 414,313 Priests
- 42,104 Permanent Deacons
- 55,314 Religious Brothers
- 702,529 Sisters and Nuns
- 120,051 candidates for the Priesthood

