Some figures

- 1800 (catholic) parishes
- 5% of population participates at weekly services
- Ca. 1850 parish churches
- 33% is protected as national monument
- 80% receives grant from local community
- Flemish Government, provinces and local communities subsidize restoration of churches and religious objects
More figures

• Amount of subsidies:
  – Communities for daily operation budget:
    • 42,250,000 euro
    • total budget for the 1,800 parishes: 71,700,000 euro
    • = 58%
  – Government + Provinces + Communities for restoration:
    • 35,000,000 euro
    • total budget: 74,000,000 euro
    • = 50%