



Consulate General of Italy, Lagos

REQUISITE DOCUMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

1. Application form duly filled in block capitals. Application must be signed and dated in front of the staff at the "Italy Visa Application Centre". The visa application form can be downloaded from this web site.
2. One recent colour passport-size photograph (white background preferably)
3. Passport valid for at least 3 months after the expiry date of visa (for visas up to 90 days) or 18 months (for visas of more than 90 days), plus clear photocopy of passport's ID page and of ALL Visas previously obtained (if any)
4. Letter from the Congregation in Nigeria confirming the religious status of the applicant, the completion of final vows and clearly explaining the purpose of the visit
5. Letter from the Bishop of the Archdiocese of the place where is located the Congregation, confirming the religious status of the applicant, the completion of final vows and clearly explaining the purpose of the visit
6. Note Verbale addressed by the Apostolic Nunciature in Abuja to the Consulate General of Italy confirming the religious status of the applicant, the purposes of the trip, its duration and the name of the hosting Congregation in Italy
7. Sponsorship letter from the hosting Congregation in Italy, attested by the Secretary of State – Vatican, with details concerning the religious nature of the event, or of the activities scheduled during the visit and the duration of stay. This sponsorship letter should be addressed to the Consulate General of Italy, the Archdiocese and Apostolic Nunciature.
10. Flight booking

PLEASE NOTE:

- Visa for religious purposes can be granted only to religious persons (priests, nuns, etc).
- Applicants who are not Religious, but who intend to take part in pilgrimages or religious events should apply for a tourist visa (only for short visits, up to 90 days)
- Applicants who intend (or are called upon) to attend novitiate courses, study or religious training should apply for a "study" visa
- For information concerning other religious denominations, please contact Visa Section directly
- Original letters listed in points 4, 5, 6 and 7 should be sent directly to the Consulate General of Italy – Lagos.