



Consulate General of Italy, Lagos

REQUISITE DOCUMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES VISA

- Application form duly filled in block capitals. Application must be signed and dated by applicant on submitting the application. The visa application form can be downloaded from this web site.
- Two recent colour passport-size photographs (white background), size 3,5 x 4,5 cm. As to the technical specification see the relevant document.
- Passport valid for at least 3 months after the expiry date of the requested visa and containing at least 2 empty pages.
- Copy of the passport page containing holder's data and those mentioning an extension of validity.
- Copies of any previous and current visa (if applicable).

A. DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE JOURNEY

[Applying to members of the Roman Catholic Church only]

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.
- Flight booking

[Members of other denominations going to Italy for short stays, (less than 90 days) should apply for a "tourist visa"]

APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING :

- 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