



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 the applicant on submitting the application. The visa application form can be downloaded from the web site www.italy-ng.com
- Two recent colour passport-size photographs (white background), size 35 x 45 mm. As to the technical specification see the relevant document. 1 photograph should be glued to the visa application and the second one, bearing on the reverse side the applicant's full name, should be attached to the application with a paper clip
- Passport valid for 6 months from the date of visa application containing at least **3 consecutive** pages. Only biometric passports are accepted.
- Colour photocopy (2 copies) of the passport page containing holder's bio-data
- A sheet containing the applicant's bio-data, phone number and active e-mail address. This information must be typed and signed by the applicant
- Non-Nigerian nationals living in Nigeria have to submit copy of the Nigerian Residence Permit
- Colour photocopy of any previous and current visa including the landing stamps (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