

RELIGIOUS/MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES (Non-Catholic denominations)

- **Duly filled Visa Application Form.** Please note that all the names appearing on the passport must appear on the application form (all data must match those on the passport). The form must be dated and signed before a Visa Officer;
- **Recent passport-size photograph (2"x2")**, on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted;
- **Valid passport plus 1 copy of the page with photograph and expiration date.** The passport or travel document must be valid at least three months after the visa expiration date. Please make sure the passport has at least a blank page to affix the visa if applicable;
- **If you are not US citizen :original and copy of Permanent Residence Card OR** other US immigration document allowing re-entry into the United States (e.g., valid long-term US visa, Advanced Parole, etc.);
- **Original and copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. Full-time students may also use original and copy of Student ID. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);
- **Official documentation** certifying that the applicant is an **Ordained Minister** of a church/religious institution, **NOTARIZED AND LEGALIZED BY APOSTILLE BY SECRETARY OF STATE.**
- **Official letters of the Religious Institutions in the US and in Italy** sponsoring the applicant and any accompanying family members. The letters must state the exact period of stay in Italy, proof of adequate and confirmed lodging paid in full, total financial responsibility and complete medical/hospitalization coverage; **DOCUMENTS MUST BE ORIGINALS. USA DOCUMENTS MUST BE NOTARIZED WITH APOSTILLE LEGALIZATION BY SECRETARY OF STATE.**
- **Copy of the Decree issued by the Italian Ministry of Interior** by which the inviting Religious Institution has been officially recognized and authorized to operate in Italy;
- **Applicant's declaration**, as well as of any accompanying adult family members, stating that he/she will not engage in any employment/work activity during the entire stay in Italy;
- **Confirmed Flight itinerary**;
- **Visa fee** (non refundable) in the form of cash or Money Order payable to the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia, with applicant's name and address on the money order;
- **Return envelope**: required if applicant cannot pick up passport with the visa in person. Please provide **postage paid, self addressed envelope** with tracking number plus mailing disclaimer form. Carefully complete mailing label with all required information.

This consular administration has full authority to evaluate and request additional documentation, if deemed necessary, in addition to what is submitted. Furthermore, the applicant is hereby informed that submitting all required documentation does not guarantee the issuance of any particular visa.

For accompanying family members requires birth certificate, certified copy, legalized by Secretary of State and Translated into Italian. Marriage Certificate legalized by Secretary of State for Spouses.