

RELIGIOUS VISA (Catholic denomination)

Please note that religious students and seminarians going to Italy for a period of study/novitiate must apply for a regular "Study Visa".

- **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 3 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.);
- **Letter attesting to the religious status** of the applicant issued by the local Religious Institution and stamped by the "Nunziatura Apostolica";
- **Letter from the Italian Religious Institution** inviting the applicant stating the religious nature of the visit. The letter must bear the seal of the "Segreteria di Stato Vaticano";
- **Proof of financial means of support and health insurance** in the form of the three most recent bank statements and health insurance verification, or a declaration of assumption of financial and medical responsibility by the Religious Institution;
- **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, 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.