Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

RELIGIOUS REASONS

The religious visa allows entry, for the purpose of a short- or long-term stay, to foreign men and women religious—defined as those who have already been ordained as priests or hold an equivalent status—and ministers of worship belonging to religious organizations listed by the Ministry of the Interior, who intend to participate in religious services or carry out ecclesiastical, religious, or pastoral activities.

To apply for a visa, you must submit:

1) a residence visa application form, duly completed and signed;

2) a passport valid for at least three months beyond the duration of your stay, or 15 months for national visas (D);
3) a recent ICAO-format photo;

4) documentation proving your status as a member of a religious order;

5) documented evidence of the religious nature of the event or activities cited as the reason for the stay; 6) round-trip flight reservation;

6) documentation proving the availability of adequate means of support or, if the costs of the stay are to be covered by a religious organization, an appropriate statement from that organization;

7) an invitation and/or statement from the religious organization, endorsed by the Secretariat of State of the Vatican City State or by the Apostolic Nunciature in the foreign national's country of origin.

8) travel health insurance, valid for the entire duration of the visa, providing a minimum coverage of 30,000.00 euros for emergency hospitalization expenses and repatriation costs.

9) receipt for payment of consular fees, in accordance with the procedures established by the Italian diplomatic-consular mission with jurisdiction over the territory;

10) copy of the national internal passport (page containing personal information and page with the residence stamp).

PLEASE NOTE: The list of documents provided above is intended solely as a guide for users. The Office reserves the right to conduct further reviews on a case-by-case basis and to request additional documentation as needed.