



**Consulate General of Italy Bangalore**  
**Religious Visa Application Arrangement**

Passport/Travel Document	a) Has been issued within the previous 10 years, and the validity must not exceed 10 years. No Handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with any manual observations will not be accepted.	
	b) No Handwritten passport will be accepted. Passport with any manual observation will not be accepted.	
	c) At least has a validity of 3 months after intended stay.	
	d) Have at least 2 blank pages.	
	e) Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Bangalore, else, address proof of minimum 6 months to be provided.	
Visa application form duly completed	a) 2 signatures of the applicant (page 3-column 37 and page 4). Application forms for minors have to be signed by both the parents in both the places.	
	b) 2 photographs to be submitted: <a href="http://www.vfs-italy.co.in/photo_specifications.html">http://www.vfs-italy.co.in/photo_specifications.html</a> .	
	c) Travel dates and duration of stay must be mentioned.	
	d) Contact details must be mentioned	
<b>Check list</b>	<b>Tick the documents submitted</b>	
Congregation Letter	Letter from <b>the Congregation</b> in India mentioning the details of the applicant, travel dates stay details, purpose of stay, duration of stay	
Nunciature letter	<b>Note Verbale from the Apostolic Nunciature</b> in New Delhi confirming the duration and the religious purpose of the trip. (Original and legible photocopy)	
Vatican letter	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 representing the purpose of the visit. (Original and legible photocopy)	
Passport copy of the applicant	Photocopy: one copy of the front page, one copy of the last page.	
	Photocopies of all previous Schengen Visas. Photocopies of valid US and UK Visas.	
Overseas medical insurance	a) Covering travel Period with coverage of Euros 30000 inclusive of a repatriation clause.	
	b) Minimum 10 days insurance is mandatory from the travel date in Schengen.	
Air Ticket	<b>For Short Stay category:</b> Return flight details or airlines reservation printout	
	<b>For Long Stay category:</b> One Way flight details or airline reservation printout.	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Visa for religious purposes can be granted only to members of established religious bodies. Other applicants 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.

**The Consulate General of Italy reserves the right to request for additional documents or personal interview.**