



**Consulate General of Italy
Lagos**

ENTRY VISA FOR “RELIGIOUS REASONS” (V.S.U. OR V.N.)

The religious visa allows entry, for a short or long stay, to foreign clergy – understood as those who have already received priestly ordination or an equivalent status – ministers of faith belonging to religious organizations registered in the list maintained by the Ministry of the Interior, who intend to participate in religious ceremonies or carry out ecclesiastical, religious, or pastoral activities.

To apply for the visa, the following must be submitted:

1. Residence visa application form duly completed and signed;
2. Valid passport with an expiry date at least three months beyond the duration of stay;
3. One recent passport-size photo;
4. Documentation proving actual clerical status;
5. Documented guarantees regarding the religious nature of the event or activities cited as the reason for the stay;
6. Flight reservation;
7. Documentation proving the availability of adequate financial means of support or, if the expenses are borne by a religious institution, a suitable declaration from the institution itself;
8. Invitation and/or declaration from the religious institution endorsed by the Secretariat of State of the Vatican City or by the Apostolic Nunciature in the applicant's country of origin;
9. Travel health insurance valid for the entire visa period, with minimum coverage of €30,000 for emergency hospitalization and repatriation expenses.

ATTENTION: The above list of documents should be considered indicative for applicants. The Consulate reserves the right to carry out further checks depending on the case and to request additional documentation.