

RELIGIOUS PURPOSES VISA

This visa is issued to members of a religious organisation (clergy) who travel to Italy to attend religious events or carry out pastoral activities.

Family members of persons holding a religious purposes visa or residence permit must apply for a family reunification visa in order to stay in Italy.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Visa application form.

It must be printed, completed and signed before the consular officer.

2. One recent passport-size photograph

Taken no more than 6 months ago, with a white background and measuring 35 × 40 mm. It must comply with the ICAO guidelines available at: https://www.icao.int/sites/default/files/FAL/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf

3. Passport (original and a colour copy)

Valid for at least 3 months beyond the visa expiry date

4. Identification documents. Submit one of the following:

- a) Korean birth certificate + copy of the front and back of the Korean identity card.
- b) Alternatively, a copy of the front and back of the residence card for foreign nationals, valid for at least 3 months.
- c) Alternatively, a Certificate of Fact on Alien Registration.

5. Civil registry or immigration certificates.

Resident registration certificate in English, or Certificate of Entry and Exit Records (대한민국 출입국에 관한 사실증명서).

6. Travel tickets and funds.

A return airline ticket, or a one-way ticket together with a bank statement in the applicant's name showing an additional €2,000.

7. Certificate of religious status (clergy).

Issued by a parish, monastery or religious congregation in Korea.

8. Authorisation for religious personnel to leave the country.

Issued by the Apostolic Nunciature in Korea.

9. Invitation letter from the Italian religious institution.

Issued by the inviting religious body in Italy.

For non-Catholic religions, additional official documents are required to certify the applicant's identity, affiliation and activities, and provide information about the inviting body.

10. Financial means.

- 10.1. If the expenses are covered by the religious body in Korea or Italy, submit an official declaration from the body.
- 10.2. If the religious body does not cover the expenses and cannot issue the declaration, the applicant must have adequate means of support for the requested period of stay. The amount must not be lower than the level established in "Table A"

of the Ministry of the Interior Directive of 1 March 2000. To demonstrate compliance with the financial requirements in that table, submit:

- the applicant's personal bank statements in English for the last 3 months, issued by the bank no more than 7 days before the visa application is submitted.

11. Health insurance.

11.1. For short-stay visas: Schengen health insurance valid in every Schengen country for the entire stay, with total minimum coverage of €30,000 for hospitalisation, repatriation and illness abroad.

11.2. For long-stay visas: health insurance covering medical treatment and hospitalisation. It must also be submitted when applying for the residence permit.

- a) Insurance policy issued by a domestic institution or insurance company, accompanied by a statement from the insurer confirming that there are no limits or exclusions on the rates applicable to urgent hospitalisation for the entire policy period.
- b) Foreign insurance policy, accompanied by a consular statement confirming its validity in Italy, its duration and the forms of assistance covered. There must be no limits or exclusions on the rates applicable to urgent hospitalisation for the entire policy period.

12. Accommodation. If a declaration of accommodation from the religious body cannot be obtained, submit one of the following:

12.1. Hotel reservation. Paid and valid, at an accommodation facility registered in Italy.

12.2. Proof of ownership of the applicant's own property.

12.3. Invitation from family members, relatives or friends. The invitation letter must contain:

- the inviter's first and last name (as shown in the passport), date of birth, passport number and signature;
- the invited person's first and last name, date of birth, passport number and signature;
- a copy of the inviter's document (passport or Italian identity card);
- the inviter's lease agreement registered with the Italian Revenue Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate);
- if the inviter owns the property: proof of ownership registered with the Italian Revenue Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate); and
- if the inviter rents the property:
 - a copy of the landlord's identity document; and
 - a declaration from the landlord confirming that the invited person may stay for the stated period.

This Embassy reserves the right to request any additional supporting documentation deemed necessary for the assessment of the visa application. The submission of all the required documentation **does NOT automatically guarantee the issuance of a visa.**