



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF ITALY
KOLKATA
REQUISITE DOCUMENTS FOR A RELIGIOUS VISA**

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS: Please show original documents at the time of submission of Application.	
1.	Application form fully completed and signed by applicant
2.	One recent passport-size Photographs (white background)
3.	Passport/Travel Document must: a) Have been issued within the previous 10 years, and the validity must not exceed 10yrs b) At least have a validity of 3 months after intended stay. c) Have at least 2 blank pages.
4.	One set photocopy of applicant's Passport & a covering letter from applicant.
5.	Overseas medical insurance with minimum coverage of Euro 30,000 , for emergency hospital and repatriation expenses.
6.	A return flight reservation or bookings. (for period up to 90 days)
7.	Letter from the Congregation in India and the Bishop of the Archdiocese from the place of residence, confirming the religious status, the completion of final vows and clearly explaining the purpose of the visit.
8.	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. In cases in which the expenses for the applicant's stay are not borne by the religious bodies, the applicant should have at his/her disposal adequate means of sustenance in foreign exchange / OR Note Verbale from the Apostolic Nunciature in New Delhi confirming the duration and the religious purpose of the trip.
9.	Proof of economic means of support as per annexed table OR Declaration of assumption of responsibility by the religious organization

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.