



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia
RELIGIOUS PURPOSES Visa

The visa for religious purposes allows entry into Italy and the Schengen Area for the purpose of participating in religious activities, such as events, celebrations, or meetings organized by religious institutions.

To apply, applicants must complete and sign the Schengen application form ([Schengen Form](#)) or National application form ([National Form](#)) and provide the documents listed in the following checklist, based on the harmonized checklist agreed upon by the Schengen countries for Ethiopia (to consult the harmonized checklist, click here [Lista Armonizzata](#)).

Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation.

The required documents to apply for a visa are:

- Completed and signed Schengen or National visa application form.
- Recent ICAO-format photograph (3.5 x 4.0 cm), with a light background, taken recently. For more information: [ICAO Photograph Guidelines](#)
- Valid passport and copy, with validity of at least 3 months beyond the date of departure from the Schengen Area, issued within the last 10 years and containing at least 2 blank pages.
- Travel health insurance with minimum coverage of €30,000, valid for the entire duration of the stay in the Schengen Area.
- Round-trip flight reservation.
- Document certifying religious status or membership in the clergy.
- Official **Note Verbale** issued by the Vatican Embassy.
- **Invitation letter** issued by the Vatican or by a religious congregation in Italy, indicating the purpose and duration of the stay.
- Copy of previous Schengen visas, if available.
- Any additional documentation requested by the Embassy in support of the application.
- For foreign applicants residing in Ethiopia: Copy of the applicant's Ethiopian residence permit. If the applicant intends to return to Ethiopia, the permit must

be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended stay in the Schengen Area. If the applicant does not intend to return to Ethiopia, proof of entry into the country of origin or another third country must be provided.