

RELIGIOUS REASONS

1. Application form duly filled up and signed. For short stay visas up to 90 days please download and fill up Schengen Visa application form [[E-@pplication](#)]. For long stay visas beyond 90 days please download and fill up Long term application form [[Nazional Visa](#)];
2. Valid passport, valid at least 3 months beyond the return date of your trip from Italy and at least with two blank pages for Schengen/Short term visa. Valid passport, valid at least 3 months and with at least with two blank pages for National/Long term visa;
3. For non-Zimbabwean citizens a valid Zimbabwe Residence Permit, valid at least 1 month beyond the return date of your trip in Italy;
4. Passport-style photo full front and white background and not older than 6 months ([PHOTO](#));
5. 5) Round-trip travel ticket reservation for short-term Schengen Visa shorter than 90 days. One way travel tickets reservation for long-term National visa longer than 90 days;
6. Adequate documentation regarding the applicant's effective religious qualification: original letter from your Congregation/Parish in Zimbabwe stating your position within the parish and your assignment in Italy;
7. Adequate and documented assurances regarding the religious nature of the event in which the applicant intends to take part or regarding the activity to be carried out in Italy. The letter from Congregation in Italy should specify the purpose of the trip, the name and address of the organisation where the applicant intends to stay and the length of stay. Such letter should also mention the coverage of all living expenses, including medical assistance (only for long term visas). Specific mention should be made to the fact that, while in Italy, the applicant's personal needs will be met in full by the Congregation; the letter must bear an official seal from the Holy See's competent authorities (SEGRETERIA DI STATO VATICANO) or Nunziatura Apostolica in Zimbabwe;
8. Only for the Schengen visas : travel insurance, covering the intended period of stay: the policy must cover any medical expenses, hospitalisation and repatriation for at least 30,000 euros during your entire stay in the Schengen area;
9. Proof economic means of support as per [Ministry of Interior Directive 1.3.2000](#) or declaration of assumption of responsibility by the religious organization (if all living expenses are not covered by the Italian Congregation).

The Embassy may request for additional documentation, at the time of application.