

**Selected paragraphs of interest for pilgrims and local Coordinators
from the agreement established between Italy and the Holy See
concerning the emission of “Jubilee-Tourism” visas**

(Excerpt from the *Modus Procedendi*)

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2. The following process will be applicable only for pilgrims coming from countries whose citizens need a visa for tourist visits of less than 90 days.

3. In every Diocese interested in organizing diocesan pilgrimages to Rome for the Jubilee of Mercy, and belonging to one of the countries specified in number 2, a local Coordinator will be designated, who will organize the pilgrimage and be the guarantor of the pilgrims and their re-entry into their home country at the end of the event. The Coordinator will be responsible for interactions with the local Italian diplomatic-consular representative. This Coordinator will be designated by the Diocesan Ordinary or by his delegate.

4. The local Coordinator will prepare the list of names (this form is an integral part of this *Modus Procedendi*) of all of the participants for each separate pilgrimage planned for the Jubilee of Mercy, indicating the following:

- Group Leader of the pilgrimage (who will be the local Coordinator if he/she is participating in the trip);
- complete anagraphic information for all of the participants, including the type, number, and expiration date of the legal travel document held by each;
- nationality and place of residence of the participants;
- border crossing points for entry and exit, whether by air, by sea, or on land;
- itinerary planned for the trip to and from Italy;
- departure and arrival dates;
- type of lodging (also for the purpose of verifying means of sustenance).

5. Given the increased risk brought by the presence of minors in these circumstances, their inclusion in the lists of pilgrims without expressly authorized chaperones is not allowed.

6. The local Coordinator will consign the list appropriately in advance of the anticipated travel (not less than one month before the departure) to the competent diplomatic-consular representative for the purpose of obtaining the visas, and will send a copy of it through the Apostolic Nunciature to the PCPNE, who will subsequently send the list to the Central Visa Office of the MAECI.

7. The Central Visa Office will transmit the lists received from the Pontifical Council to the governmental Offices involved, for the purpose of comparing them to the lists received from the local Coordinator through the Embassy/Consulate, and will authorize the Visa Offices to insert in the VIS the request for an entry visa for “Jubilee-Tourism” the names found on both lists. The validity of the visa will be strictly limited to the period of the specific Jubilee event or diocesan pilgrimage; it will be a Uniform Schengen Visa/Visto Schengen Uniforme (VSU).

8. As regards the health insurance proscribed by the Schengen norms, those requesting the visa will be in possession of a health insurance policy, valid in all of the Schengen territories, having the minimum coverage required by European regulations in vigor at the time of the request for the visa

(currently, the minimum coverage requested is equal to Euro 30,000 – thirty thousand). This coverage applies to emergency hospital stays and the costs of repatriation).

9. Pilgrims should go to the appropriate diplomatic-consular representative for the registration of biometric data for the purposes of granting the visa. The specific ways of presenting the visa requests and of the registration of biometrics may be agreed upon at the local level with the Consular Offices.

10. In connection with the Jubilee event, the Pontifical Council will collaborate to the utmost extent with the Italian authorities to ensure that immigration regulations are correctly followed.

At the end of the pilgrimage, the local Coordinator appointed by the Diocesan Ordinary will take care to communicate to the Consulate that granted the entry visa the successful re-entry of the pilgrims into their own country, and will also report to the Pontifical Council the names of any who have not re-entered. These names will then be communicated to the Central Visa Office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In the case that the local Coordinator does not participate in the pilgrimage, the designated Group Leader of the pilgrimage will communicate to the local Coordinator in a timely manner the information necessary to complete the steps in the preceding paragraph. In all cases, the Group Leader will be responsible for ensuring maximum cooperation with the authorities at border control points, and for providing an explanation with all possible supporting documentation for the absence of any pilgrims at the moment of re-entry into the home country due to extenuating circumstances (ex. sickness, recovery, an early return home).

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