

Consulate Translation

Commune of Poggio A Caiano  
Province of Florence  
December 30, 1976

Dear Mayor O'Brien,

The City Council of Poggio a Caiano, in its meeting of November 27, 1976, has unanimously decided to welcome the proposal for establishing a twin-city relationship which was proposed by the City of Charlottesville and by the County of Albemarle during our recent visit to Virginia.

Our City Council has also decided to extend to the City of Prato, which is the largest municipality in the area close to Poggio a Caiano, the invitation to join this twin-city proposal.

Thus, Poggio a Caiano would tighten its ties of friendship with Charlottesville and Prato with the County of Albemarle.

Even though it is impossible to compare Prato with the County of Albemarle, however, our municipality is autonomously a part of the territory of Prato just as the municipality of Charlottesville is a part of the County of Albemarle.

The municipalities of Poggio a Caiano and Prato will establish a committee which will also include the Prato Tourist Bureau, the Cassa di Risparmio Bank and the Prato Historical Society.

This committee will propose a twin-city program which will be obviously coordinated with your municipality and the President of the County of Albemarle through diplomatic channels.

During our visit to Charlottesville, we replied affirmatively to your proposal for establishing a twin-city relationship, and we said we would like your visit to Poggio a Caiano to be during the spring or early summer of 1977. For practical purposes, the months of May, June or July would be the best.

I hope you can confirm your visit to Italy and Poggio a Caiano for this period, as soon as possible. As soon as I receive a reply, I shall call a meeting of our committee which will complete the details of the program which we will also submit for your approval.

I am looking forward to hearing from you, and I send you and the friends of Charlottesville my best and warmest greetings and wishes for the New Year.

Hon. Sergio Pezzati  
Mayor of Poggio a Caiano

Honorable Nancy K. O'Brien  
Mayor of Charlottesville  
Charlottesville, Virginia