

No Reaction from Italy

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen from Alsbach-Hähnlein,

We have been asked again and again how the possible town twinning with the Italian city of Sulmona will go further. After countless attempts from our side to advance with this subject, Mayor Sebastian Bubenzer informed the parish council and the chairpersons of the parliamentary groups on Monday evening that a decision with regard to contents in the direction of Italy was made in favour of the message below.

Sometimes you cannot change facts – whether you like it or not.....

We wish to let you know the exact text of the message, which we sent to Italy in English language.

„Dear Gianfranco Di Piero, dear Cristiano Gerosolimo,

Unfortunately our numerous requests to sign the treaty of friendship between Sulmona and Alsbach-Hähnlein as well as our invitation to join our Church Consecration Festival in the beginning of September remained without any reply. Therefore, we assume that you will not come to the Church Consecration Festival.

Moreover, it had been difficult during the past months to enter into contact with you. Numerous telephone calls, mails or arranged video calls had been cancelled at short notice from your side or had not been answered at all.

Thus, we unfortunately feel compelled to stop the efforts for an official partnership of our communities, as for a vital partnership it would be inevitable to exchange opinions several times per year at short notice.

We do certainly understand if perhaps not all conditions for a partnership with us have been fulfilled. In this case a corresponding feedback would have helped us.

Nevertheless nothing negative remains at our side. We wish you all the best for your personal future and for the development of Sulmona.

Yours sincerely,

Sebastian Bubenzer

Mayor“