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Let me give you a present!

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you. (John 15:11)

Dear friends of go4peace,

Let us give you a gift! - Often life gives us unexpected and deep joy. Just a moment ago you were living your day-to-day routine and suddenly life embraces you and your gaze is directed somewhere else by some event. Your heart, which you had hardly noticed up until now, is full of joy. In such moments, life invites us to absorb this joy deeply and to let it fill our hearts. Because we are made to be happy. This was also close to Jesus' heart. He had taught his friends how honest love works, a love that goes through fire for the other and then he adds: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you!" (John 15:11)

For decades, they had been offering their products in the market square of our city, and each time they had traveled from far away, simple elderly people. Now they had celebrated their Iron Wedding. The day after their feast, they came to our church for Mass before taking the train back home. It was Christ the King Sunday. I had preached about the kingship of love of Jesus, who shows us on the cross – crowned with thorns – that true love goes "to the end". "You have been able to show this love to each other for 65 years!" I built a bridge to the jubilarians at the end of the sermon. They were visibly pleased. The old woman beamed at me and said to me: "I wrote another song for my husband and I sang it to him yesterday in the service!" Spontaneously, I asked if she would do it again. She stood up – at the age of 91, stood in front of her husband and sang her personal song of thanksgiving by heart – without a microphone. Her 93-year-old husband was filled with joy and repeatedly got a kiss from his wife on his forehead during the song. - **Let me give you a present!**

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