

# 1 Million Christmas and New Years Greetings from all over the world

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Every year, the “Christ Child” had a lot to do: This season, a total of one million international Christmas and New Year greetings were stamped with the coveted special stamps in the special Christmas post offices in Steyr and Oberndorf. The “Christkindl” post office in Steyr celebrated its 75th anniversary this year, and the “Silent Night” special post office in Oberndorf once again captivated visitors from near and far.

In the popular Christmas post office in the Upper Austrian municipality of Christkindl, more than 12,700 heartfelt letters and wishes from children to the “Christ Child” were answered this year. Writing Christmas letters is a special experience for many children. This year, the children mainly wished for toys, health for the family, and peace in the world. The majority of the letters came from Austria, about a third from Germany, Italy, Poland, but also from more distant countries such as Taiwan and Australia. The letters were answered by the yellow “helping angels” in German or English.

The 64th season of the idyllic “Silent Night! Holy Night!” special post office in Oberndorf in

Salzburg has come to an end: Here, too, thousands of Christmas letters were stamped with the popular special postmark. This year's stamp was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the Silent Night Chapel, the chapel in which the "Silent Night Song" by Franz Xaver Gruber and Joseph Mohr was first performed at the Christmas Mass on December 24, 1818. The Silent Night Chapel is a magnet for many guests from all over the world, especially during the Christmas season. The song "Silent Night! Holy Night!" is considered a message of peace for the world and is sung in over 300 languages and dialects.

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