



THE CONTEST ON THE TOPIC: "MY LOVING FAMILY"

Dear Parents and Students,

*“Biển cả mênh mông đong sao đây tình mẹ,
Gió trời lồng lộng không ngăn nổi công cha”*

To celebrate this year's upcoming Mother's Day (May 8) and Father's Day (June 6), our parish will offer "An Essay Contest" open to all parishioners focusing on three special topics:

1. Letter to my beloved parent(s)
2. Letter to my dear child
3. Letter to my parish, my spiritual family

The purpose of this contest is, first, to raise the awareness among our youth toward the respectful, appreciative and loving relationship with their parents. Next, it aims to rekindle the warm and loving relationship between parents and children, and finally, the bonding and supporting relationship between our parishioners and our church.

Suggesting criteria for the contest are as follow:

1. **Participants:** Parishioners of all ages at Mother Perpetual Help Parish.
2. **Types of entries:** A written essay or a poem in Vietnamese (preferably) or English.
3. **Content:** The feelings, sentiments, memories and wishes of the children to the parents; or vice versa, from the parents to their children; or one parishioner to our spiritual family, the church. An essay can also include the true exemplary stories of the parents' tales of sacrifices and dedication to the children based on one's own experiences or others. Or how belonging to our parish has helped guiding us on our journey of faith, finding the purpose of our lives, and making us a better people of God.

4. Contest Rules:

- * Creative writing pieces should be original and have never been published. It should not have more than 1,000 words (essay) or 25 verses (poem).
- * Send your finished works by email with attachment to baiduthi2011@gmail.com or submit it directly to the priests (Cha) or the religious sisters (Sơ) at the Church.
- * Please include the following personal bio-statistics for each entry: Name, age, education, occupation, mail address & telephone number, group or choir etc. from which you are the member. Entries without this information will not be considered.
- * Each participant could submit more than one essay and/or poems.

- 5. Deadline:** The last day for all submitting articles is April 24, 2011.

Date of Award Ceremony: Mother's Day, Sunday May 8th, 2011.

6. The Awards:

There are separate prizes for adults and children:

Adult First Prize: \$300	Children First Prize: \$300
Adult Second Prize: \$200	Children Second Prize: \$200
Adult Third Prize: \$100	Children Third Prize: \$100

The consolation prizes will be presented to all participants.

We invite the joyful participation of all parishioners and/or encourage your children to join us in this very meaningful contest.

Thank you and best wishes.

Rev. Peter Tuan Bui, CSsR.