



Giáo Lý Ơi



Welcome to Issue #7 of GLO! Happy New Lunar Year!
It is the Year of the Rooster!

<http://groups.vmpwa.org/GiaoLy>



Updated Class Calendar!

Over the winter break, Giáo Lý + TNTT + VNDL met and revised our school calendar. Most all classes have remained the same, except for a few small changes. The new schedule confirms the Confirmation retreat in May, as well as the many Parish events for the coming year. **Specifically, the Parish Lenten retreat (March), Divine Mercy Weekend (April), and 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima (May) will extend TNTT and VNDL classes into June.** The parish office can provide families a paper copy, or you may download through our website (<http://groups.vmpwa.org/giaoly>).



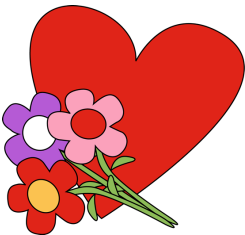
A Look Back at Hội Chợ Tết!

This year Tết was very festive with the theme of “Ba Miền”! The beautiful decorations and props made it feel like we transported to Việt Nam just to celebrate the New Year! Giáo Lý hosted a ring toss game booth, a fun game for individuals and families!



Email Announcements shared through phuhuynh-all@groups.vmpwa.org

Attention Parents! If your email address is not on this email group, you are missing out! In January we shared our new calendar, program policies, and special safety announcements related to your children. If you are not receiving these announcements, please let us know (minhquan.trieu@vmpwa.org).



February/March Classes Schedule Reminder!

- Saturday, Feb 4th – Normal Classes
- Saturday, Feb 11th – Normal Classes
- Saturday, Feb 18th – Normal Classes
- Saturday, Feb 25th – No Classes because of LA Congress this weekend!
- Saturday, March 4th - No Classes because of the Parish Lenten Retreat.
- Saturday, March 11th - Normal Classes

Thank you to Chị Hà and all the parent volunteers who come and provide us with delicious food! We cannot run without you! If you would like to help, please contact Chị Hà through email (hatran98012@yahoo.com).

Mass (6PM) & Adoration - Friday, February 3rd

Thank you to all who went to January's Adoration! The **first Friday of each month** is the Youth Adoration! Weekly themes and writing notes and prayers to offer to Jesus make this time special. Confession is also offered. We invite everyone to come and be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament! The next Adoration will be **Friday, March 3, 2017!**



Upcoming Youth Adult Retreat! Save the weekend: March 3-5, 2017!

This is the weekend the parish will be having their Lenten retreat. What is special about this is that this will include include Huynh Trường, Giáo Lý Viên, và Thầy Cô của VNDL! We all work so diligently and passionately in our respective programs, and this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the people who help run the other programs! We hope you will save some time to join us in fellowship and reflection. Anyone interested in joining any of the 3 programs are welcome as well! We are revisiting our roots with the theme: **"Về Nguồn"**.



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Prayers and Condolences

Please continue to pray for all those who are ill, have recently passed away, and those who have gone long before us. Please especially keep in your prayers the following:

Nguyễn Thị Cảnh (grandmother of Jessica Thúy Quỳnh Vũ, Phụ Trách Tình Thân)

May they have eternal rest in the Lord.

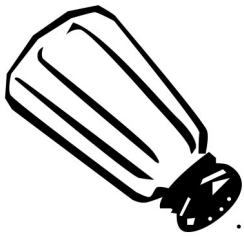
What on Earth does it mean to be the “Salt of the Earth”?

*A reflection from Jessica Thúy Quỳnh Vũ, Phụ Trách Tình Thân
(Bonding Activities Coordinator)*



I never gave much thought to the teachings of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. The analogies and parables Jesus used often made me wonder,

- What is the significance of “salt” for us to be compared to it?
- Why does Jesus make it seem like my life is so significant that I would be considered “light of the world”?

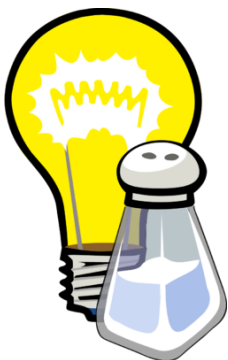


Salt, in a tasting sense, can be quite subtle, yet so essential to making a dish taste the way it should. Much like us, our presence to others may be subtle, and our absence is significant enough to not go unnoticed. We, as the salt of the earth, are personally called by Jesus to season the earth and all its people with God’s Word and goodness.

But where do we start? We already have! We are salt for our students, children, friends and family. We may not think much of it, but here are a few examples:

- Showing up for a family gathering on a non-major holiday shows so much love and devotion to our family members than we would ever express in words
- Listening to a friend’s troubles and offering insight when no one else will
- Our mere presence in class each Saturday

All of these exemplify our commitment and love for our family, friends, children, and students. We may not explicitly tell our loved ones, “I am committed to teaching/ caring for you” or “I love each and every one of you”, but our actions, hard work, and heart put into everything we do for them is more than enough to show that love and commitment better than words can describe.



We are the light of the world. Whoa. That’s huge. Little do we know, we are bright, burning lights for those around us. Why must we shelter and hide that internal light from the world as if it will be dangerous or too much to handle? Let your light shine for others, because who knows, maybe your light will make all the difference for someone who feels lost in the darkness. God created us and lit a light within each and every one of us. So why would He create such a light within us just to have it hidden all the time?

Let us be reminded of our significance as salt of the Earth and light of the world. May the Lord help us to hold onto our identity as His people, His children, that we may carry ourselves according to his Will. So let that light shine forth from your good deeds! Let us go forth to glorify our heavenly Father with all our hearts, minds, and souls.