

The only thing you can be congratulated on is your perseverance.

You can't be congratulated on your morality or unselfishness. Adding three "extra" children to a world already reeling under its population load can't be called either moral or unselfish.

You can't be congratulated on your fertility. After all, any clam, chicken, or small furry animal can beat you at that.

You can't be congratulated on your fine family. A fine family is one which sets an example, and your example may kill us all in a few generations.

You can't even be congratulated on being able to afford five children, because you're not paying for them. Oh, you provide their food and clothing and shelter, but the rest of the world pays for their roads, schools, hospitals, air, water ...

You can't be congratulated on being a patriotic citizen, for if anything destroys the United States it will be our "growthmania" spiral through which this country even now gulps over 50% of the world's resources.

You can't be congratulated for carrying on the family name. Family names mean little unless people mean much, and your kind of growth rate guarantees that people mean less and less.

Unless, of course, three of those children are adopted ...?

In that case,

Congratulations.