

Enshrinement Ceremony for the Focus of Devotion (Gohonzon) Bestowed at a Dharma Center

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Meditation on the Place of the Way
- Taking Refuge in the Three Treasures
- Invocation

We put our faith in

The Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni—Great Benevolent Teacher, World-Honored One;

The Tathagata Abundant Treasures, witness to the Lotus Sutra;

The separated embodiments of the Buddha in the ten directions in the past, present, and future;

The four great bodhisattvas: Superior Practice, Boundless Practice, Pure Practice, and Steadfast Practice;

The bodhisattva-mahasattvas: Manjushri, Universal Sage, Maitreya, and all other bodhisattva-mahasattvas;

Great Bodhisattva Nichiren, revered practitioner of the Lotus Sutra;

Founder Nikkyo, Great Teacher of the One Vehicle;

Cofounder Myoko, Bodhisattva of the Way of Compassion;

The guardian spirits of Rissho Kosei-kai;

And the countless heavenly spirits in the ten directions.

May you all be present among us and know our deep devotion.

We solemnly conduct this enshrinement ceremony of the Focus of Devotion, the Dharma Titles of Founder and Cofounder, and the plaques of Ancestor Appreciation and Land Blessing for the [*family name*] family, of the [*chapter name*] Chapter, [*Dharma center name*].

We earnestly pray for guidance in all things through the profound, sublime meaning of the Great Vehicle Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wondrous Dharma.

(Strike the gong and recite the O-daimoku once.)

- Opening Verse
- Sutra Recitation
- Universal Transfer of Merit
- Recitation of the O-daimoku
- Transfer of Merit

Having respectfully recited the Great Vehicle Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wondrous
Dharma, may we transfer its merits to and thus reciprocate the boundless compassion of
The Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni—Great Benevolent Teacher, World-Honored One;
The Tathagata Abundant Treasures, witness to the Lotus Sutra;
The separated embodiments of the Buddha in the ten directions in the past, present, and future;
The four great bodhisattvas: Superior Practice, Boundless Practice, Pure Practice, and Steadfast
Practice;
The bodhisattva-mahasattvas: Manjushri, Universal Sage, Maitreya, and all other bodhisattva-
mahasattvas;
Great Bodhisattva Nichiren, revered practitioner of the Lotus Sutra;
Founder Nikkyo, Great Teacher of the One Vehicle;
Cofounder Myoko, Bodhisattva of the Way of Compassion;
The guardian spirits of Rissho Kosei-kai;
The guardian spirits of [*Dharma center name*];
The guardian spirits of member families of Rissho Kosei-kai;
And the countless heavenly spirits in the ten directions.

(Strike the gong once.)

Now, having sincerely recited the sutra together, all of us respectfully express our gratitude to the
Buddha for arranging in the [*family name*] family's home this enshrinement of the Focus of
Devotion, the Dharma Titles of the Founder and Cofounder, and the plaques of Ancestor
Appreciation and Land Blessing.

The enshrined Focus of Devotion is the Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni along with the Stupa of the
Tathagata Abundant Treasures as well as the four great bodhisattvas: Superior Practice, Boundless
Practice, Pure Practice, and Steadfast Practice embodied in its nimbus.

The [*family name*] family and the members of the Sangha gathered, all of pure heart, here realize
the meaning of the enshrinement of the Eternal Original Buddha, look up to the Founder and
Cofounder as revered teachers, and make a vow to devote themselves to bodhisattva practice
aspiring to liberate all sentient beings.

We reverently offer and transfer the merits of this recitation to all ancestors of both sides of the
family and all living beings related to this home and land:

“For the Mutual Awakening of the [*first partner's family name*] and [*second partner's family name*]

Families and Their Ancestors through the Bodhisattva Way”;

“May This Home and the Earth Supporting It Be Places of Awakening”

(Recite the Land Purification Inscription twice.)

We reverently pray that they may receive the joy of the Dharma and quickly accomplish the great fruit of Supreme Perfect Awakening

We earnestly pray that with the help of sagely guidance and boundless protection, all living beings may awaken to their buddha nature and world peace may be achieved.

- Homage *(Recite the O-daimoku three times.)*