

## Enshrinement Ceremony for the Focus of Devotion (Gohonzon)

- 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 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 with the [*family name*] family and the members of  
the Sangha in attendance, all of us respectfully express our gratitude to the Buddha for arranging  
this enshrinement of the Focus of Devotion in the [*family name*] family's home.

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 recipient and Sangha members gathered here in purity of heart, together as one, realize the  
meaning of the enshrinement of the Eternal Original Buddha and renew their vow to devote  
themselves to bodhisattva practice.

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.*)