

# Dharma Teacher Order Newsletter

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## Annual Retreat of the Dharma Teacher Order



*I hope this edition brings back wonderful memories of time shared deepening our practices together. Thank you Minh-Khong, Craig Hannah and Elena Bravocruz for your instantaneous help. No sooner did the email go out soliciting photos, than I had the photos in hand!*



*This page of photos shows some retreat activities including dharma talks by Rev. Sister Pháp Lan and Rev. Richard Zipoli, Jr.*



*Preparing for Sunday's Ceremony*







*Please enlarge each page so that you can see the photos better. In the interest of cramming as many as I could on the page, I had to make them smaller.*

**Rev. Pháp Lan is ordained as a dharma teacher. Congratulations!**



**Sunday's Ceremony**





**Group Photo  
and Candids**



**Summer Days of Mindfulness**

During our recent April retreat, we have discussed various ways to try to provide more spiritual nourishment to our sanghas. With this in mind, I have recently met with Tom Duva, one of our lay Buddhist priests, and invited him to lead and organize two mindfulness days during the summer, one to be located in New York in August and one to be in Connecticut in July. He graciously accepted and we plan to have them on Saturday. Each one of the mindfulness day will be six hours long and will be primarily an opportunity to practice together. At the end of the day, we will have the ordained Dharma teachers and lay Buddhist priests as well as those taking the Dharma training class stay for little longer to recite the Bodhisattva vows/precepts as well as some Dharma sharing, discussing how to support each other in the roles of teachers and priests. You will be hearing soon from Tom to discuss the dates.

Your brother in the Dharma,  
Fernando

