

出家乃大丈夫事

Leaving the Home-life Is Truly a Heroic Act

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The blade of blessings and virtues shaves off the locks of blistering afflictions
The sword of wisdom hacks through a thousand strands of love and passion
Leap out from the net of reincarnation now and
Progress toward the supreme and ultimate Great Bodhi

The ceremony for shaving the heads of new Sangha members was held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at seven in the morning in the Buddha Hall of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. There were two laymen who became novice monks: Daniel Su Tseng-Kuang (Dharma name: Chin Guang) and Thomas Gia Nguyen (Dharma name: Chin Der). There were three laywomen who became novice nuns: Chung Chiu-Hsiang (Dharma names: Chin Xiang / Jin Jie), Huang Chiu-Chu (Dharma names: Chin Zi / Jin Zai), and Peng Xue-Li (Dharma names: Chin Jie / Jin Lian). All of them have been volunteering or working at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas for at least two years. Now they have brought forth their Bodhi mind and resolved to leave the home-life.

