

## **What are the Three Treasures?**

The three treasures are what all Buddhists revere as the most precious treasures in the universe. They are the Buddha, the Law, and the priesthood.

The Buddha is one who is enlightened to the eternal truth of life and the universe and possesses the three virtues of sovereign, teacher, and parent. The Law is the teaching that the Buddha teaches through his own enlightenment.

The priesthood signifies the disciples of the Buddha who inherit, protect, and transmit the teachings to future generations.

In Nichiren Shoshu the Buddha is Nichiren Daishonin, the eternal True Buddha of the Latter Day of the Law.

The Law is the Dai-Gohonzon of the High Sanctuary of True Buddhism, and the priesthood is Nikko Shonin, the Second High Priest, who directly received the transmission of true Buddhism, and all of the successive High Priests of Nichiren Shoshu who have received this face to face transmission in an unbroken succession for over 750 years.