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Recommendation letter for Gerry Prindiville for the Tsadra contemplative scholarship

Dear Tsadra Scholarship Committee,

This letter is to request a scholarship for Gerry Prindiville that will enable him to attend the three-year retreat at Gomde Pyrenees. The retreat will start in June 2022 under the guidance of Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche and Lama Tenzin Sangpo.

It is a great pleasure to write this recommendation for Lama Gerry. I first met Lama Gerry in 1998, when he attended Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche's seminar on The Thirty-seven Practices of a Bodhisattva. As the translator, I immediately noticed his fervent sense of renunciation and strong karmic connection with Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche. Lama Gerry studied at our Institute for Buddhist Studies from the year 1998 until 2003.

From 2004-2007 he completed a solitary three year retreat at the Asura cave in our Parping monastery under the guidance of Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche.

After finishing this retreat Lama Gerry worked at RYI the Center for Buddhist Studies. In the years since, he has been the Lama in residence at Gomde California where he has lead retreats, in addition to his daily teaching and guiding students. He has also lead retreats at Dharmahouse Mexico. Currently Gerry is helping the construction team at Gomde Pyrenees get the retreat houses ready for the pre-retreat in June.

There is no doubt that Lama Gerry is an extraordinary candidate for the three year retreat given his education, experience, and dedication to practice. I also feel that his presence in the retreat would be very beneficial for the other participants. As a fellow retreatant he would be uniquely situated to help them along the way when things become difficult.

It is my sincere aspiration that Lama Gerry will be able to do the three years retreat. I hope that Tsadra foundation will support him by granting him the contemplative scholarship. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for offering these scholarships to students worldwide.

Sincerely,

Heidi Koppl
Translator for Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche.

