

Our Zen Tradition:

Fr. Pat Hawk Roshi, who passed away May 8, 2012, will be remembered as the guiding teacher for our sesshins. Father Hawk founded the Pathless Path Program at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson. He was a Zen Master in The Diamond Sangha, a lay sangha founded in Hawaii in 1959 by Robert and Anne Aitken. The Diamond Sangha is an independent Zen lineage in the Harada-Yasutani tradition: a blending of the Rinzai and Soto schools of Zen. We trace our lineage back to Hakuin Ekaku, the 18th century reformer of the Rinzai sect, and Dogen Kigen, the 13th century founder of the Soto sect in Japan.



Redemptorist Fr. Pat Hawk Roshi (1942-2012)

Fr. Hawk Roshi formally began Zen practice in 1978 as a student of Robert Aitken Roshi; and in 1981 as a student of Fr. Willigis Jaeger (OSB) Roshi. Fr. Hawk Roshi received Dharma Transmission from Aitken Roshi and was confirmed a Zen Master of the Diamond Sangha in May, 1989. Fr. Hawk was an ordained priest in the Roman Catholic church, and a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). Father Pat Hawk, CSsR., founder of the Pathless Path program at RRC. (Born – Nov.18, 1942; Professed – Aug. 2, 1963; Ordained – June 27, 1969; Completed this Life – May 8, 2012)