

## Ven Tenzin Chonyi

As Dr Diana Taylor, Ven Tenzin Chönyi was a psychologist at Monash University Counseling Service and later in private practice in Australia. She graduated with a B.Sc. from University of Melbourne, and received an M. Ed and Ph.D. in Psychology from Monash University. While working on her doctorate, she was also studying Buddhism and bringing up her three children. She ran workshops with Community Communication and Kagyu Evam Buddhist Institute on self-expression and self-awareness, and taught meditation at Tara Institute, Melbourne.

After ordination by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, she became the resident nun at Atisha Centre and was active in the palliative care group and Karuna Hospice, Bendigo and on the Atisha committee. She spent four years studying the Basic Program at Chenrezig Nuns Community with Geshe Tashi Tsering, and was later appointed a "disciplinarian" at the Chenrezig Nuns Community.

In her three years at Vajrayana Institute, Sydney, she has taught Buddhism from simple to advanced levels. Her workshops for the general public have been well received, and likewise her participation in inter-faith conferences and workshops for psychologists and health professionals.

Ven Chonyi is currently a lecturer and supervisor for the Australian Association of Buddhist Counselors and Psychotherapists, is an honorary lecturer in Psychological Medicine at Sydney University, and recently gave a keynote address at the biannual conference of the Royal Australian and New Zealand Congress of Psychiatry. She writes a regular column for *Mandala* magazine and is working on a book on addiction. She works from home as a tutor and elder for the Discovering Buddhism at Home program.