

Rainbow Pledge Service

This ceremony is not secret. Parents of Pledges should be invited to attend.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister Recorder, you will read the names of the young girls who desire to pledge themselves to the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

(As the Recorder reads each name, the WA should ask "Who sponsors this pledge?" The sponsor should rise and say "I do".)

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister Drill Leader, you will retire and discover if these young girls are in waiting to pledge themselves to our Assembly.

(DL goes to door that is opened by CO without raps. DL places pledges in single line).

CO: Worthy Advisor, the Drill Leader and young girls desiring to pledge themselves to our Assembly seek admission.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Faith, you will receive these young girls and conduct them to the Worthy Associate Advisor.

(Faith marches to the door that is opened by the CO without raps and leads girls into room single file with DL at end. CO closes door. Faith stands in front of girls to say following:

FAITH: My young friends, I am the Sister of Faith. I am here to welcome you and to remind you that the Rainbow Girls are your friends. You have come here with many questions. The answers you search for are within your reach. Let Faith be your guide as you journey on a pathway that will lead you to our Rainbow. Throughout this journey I will be here, and when you reach the age of eleven I will come and take you by the hand and we will travel together in search of the Rainbow.

(Faith returns to head of line and leads girls directly to a position facing WAA)

FAITH: Worthy Associate Advisor, by order of the Worthy Advisor, I present to you these young girls who desire to become pledges of our Assembly. They are sponsored by members of the Assembly and have the consent of their parents.

WAA: My young friends, we are happy to know that you intend to join Rainbow and are pleased to accept you as pledges of this Assembly. Rainbow Girls are taught to love every good thing and to live a kind and upright life. This we shall expect of you if you are to be found worthy of membership in our Order. You understand we cannot tell you the secrets of Rainbow at this time, but we will keep them for you until such time as you become a member of our Order. Are you willing to take our pledge?

(Faith should prompt pledges to say "I am" then instruct them to turn and face east)

WAA: Worthy Advisor it is my pleasure to present to you these young girls who come to us sponsored by members of our Assembly and who are desirous of pledging themselves to Rainbow.

WORTHY ADVISOR: My young friends I am pleased to welcome you and assure you that our Assembly is interested in you and your intention to be one of us when you reach the proper age. Until then we shall think of you as younger sisters whom we love and whose initiation we shall look forward to with much joy. You are invited to be with us at our social functions and any public service we may hold. Sister of Faith you will conduct these pledges to a position in the East facing the Altar.

(Faith conducts the pledges single file down the North side and into a bow about halfway between the Altar and the East. The WA and Chaplain take a position behind the Altar. Hope and Charity leave their stations and assume a position on either side of Altar)

WORTHY ADVISOR: The Rainbow Girls who sponsor these pledges will please come forward and take a position immediately behind them.

WAA: The sponsors will please repeat after me this obligation: As a Member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls I freely sponsor these younger sisters. I promise to take an active interest in their welfare and to help them in every way I can't and to conduct my life in a manner worthy for them to follow. I will recommend them for active membership after they have reached their eleventh birthday.

WORTHY ADVISOR: My young friends you will now repeat after me this pledge: With the consent of my parents I promise to petition the Order of Rainbow for Girls after I have reached my eleventh birthday. I will hold anything told to me here as a sacred secret and will tell it only to my parents or to a Rainbow Girl. I pledge my mind to good thoughts my lips to clean words and my efforts to worthy deeds dedicating my heart to love and my hands to serve God hornet church and Flag.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Our pledges and those at the Altar will please kneel.

CHAPLAIN: Our Heavenly Father we pray thy blessing to rest upon these pledges who intend to someday join Rainbow in search of the treasure found in the lessons we teach. Help those who have sponsored them to be worthy examples. Keep us love us and guide us every day we live. This we ask in the Master's name. Amen. Lord help us to keep our promise.

(WA, WAA, Chaplain, Hope & Charity return to their stations)

WORTHY ADVISOR: (after reached East) Our pledge sponsors will please return to their seats. (Pause until they are seated) Sisters of the Bow do you have a message for our new pledge sisters?

(Bow officers stand one at a time and are seated after saying their part)

LOVE: I represent the Red Ray, which is a symbol of love and devotion.

RELIGION: I represent the Orange Ray, which is a symbol of faith in God.

NATURE: I represent the Yellow Ray, which is a symbol of the beauty of God's great out-of-doors.

IMMORTALITY: I represent the Green Ray, which is a symbol of eternal life.

FIDELITY: I represent the Blue Ray, which is a symbol of the strength of true friendship and loyalty.

PATRIOTISM: I represent the Indigo Ray, which is a symbol of patriotism and courage.

SERVICE: I represent the Violet Ray, which is a symbol of service to others and self-sacrifice.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Faith, you will now conduct our pledges to the sisters of Hope and Charity for further messages.

HOPE: My friends, I represent Hope. My station tells you that there will be days that are now as nice and pleasant as others. These days may fill your heart with doubt, but you must laugh at those bad days, and remember that Hope is one of your greatest friends in life. Let Hope chase your doubts away. Fill your heart with Hope and Charity and let the light that Faith carries lead you toward the Rainbow and all that it promises. Sister of Faith, you may now travel to the Station of Charity.

CHARITY: My friends, I represent Charity. At this station we ask you to be charitable. This does not mean to just give money to the poor. It also means to be kind and unselfish to the people around you. You always should be respectful and considerate and try to make those you love happy. Sister of Faith, you will now conduct our pledge sisters to the Worthy Advisor.

WORTHY ADVISOR: My friends, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I now present our Mother Advisor, Mrs. _____.

MOTHER ADVISOR: Girls, I am pleased to welcome you as Rainbow pledges. I hope you have enjoyed our ceremony and that you will be active members. I look forward to our time together as you travel toward the Rainbow. I now present you with your pledge pins that I hope you will wear with pride.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Faith, you will cause our pledge sisters to face the West.

(Rap everyone up)

Please join with me in welcoming our new pledge sisters.

(Applause, then rap once to seat everyone)

Sister of Faith, you will seat our young sisters in the Assembly room.

(Pause while Faith returns to her station)

This concludes our pledge ceremony.

(Rap once)