



## Oregon Rose Lecture

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(The member giving the Rose Lecture approaches the new sisters at the East side of the Altar after the new sisters have been placed on the West side of the Altar facing East. Color stations have retired their colors.)

When you took your vows and became a Rainbow Girl, you promised to love God. You were told when you love, you are like Him. Each day, remember the promises you made; keep your faith in Him and remember that through God, all things are possible.

Each morning when I wake, I say,  
I'll place my hand in God's today,  
I know He'll walk close by my side,  
My ever wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care  
When paths are dark and I despair.  
No need for me to understand,  
If I but hold close to His hand.

My hand in His, no surer way,  
To walk in safety through each day.  
By His great bounty I am fed,  
Warmed by His love and comforted.

When at days end I seek my rest,  
And realize how much I'm blessed,  
My thanks pour out to Him and then,  
I place my hand in God's again.

Today (Tonight) I give to you a red rose. (pause while distributing the roses) This small red rose of Rainbow has long been a symbol of love. Before you go to bed tonight, I ask you to give this rose to someone in your family as a symbol of your love for those who care so very much for you. Remember to tell your family how much you love them. And then, remember the words of your Mother Advisor and open your Bible to the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis as a token you are asking God to watch over you while you sleep. When you arise in the morning, look upon its open pages and then close your Bible and begin your day by placing your hand in God's.

And now, to honor all the families of the world who provide love and support to each of God's children, I place these remaining roses on the altar and welcome you into the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. (Places remaining roses across the Northeast "Charity's" corner of the altar)