

N O R T H W E S T E R N U N I V E R S I T Y

We see new alumni marching forward under the old banner of "Quaecumque Sunt Vera." We see a Northwestern of the future gallantly carrying forward the traditions of the past.

OFFICIANT—So may it be! And so will it be if Northwestern Alumni keep the undaunted spirit of her songs.

(All sing) GO YOU NORTHWESTERN.

*(As they sing the Alumni should march around the table, each bearing a small candle, and lighting the same from one of the candles before them. This being completed and the Alumni once again seated, the officiant says:)*

OFFICIANT—Out of the darkness came the light. It shineth and shall shine in our hearts forever. The Past is ours. The Present is ours. The Future is as we shall make it. Each has a message for us.  
We listen again to the voice of the Future.

THE FUTURE—We need you no longer, for your light, the light of the future, is burning in our hearts, our hopes, our resolves, and it shall not go out forever.

*(Puts out candle)*

OFFICIANT—We listen again to the voice of the Present.

THE PRESENT—We need you no longer, for your light, the light of the present, is our comfort and joy, and it shall not go out forever.

*(Puts out candle)*

OFFICIANT—We listen again to the voice of the Past.

THE PAST—We need you no longer, for your light, the light of the past, that flame of inspiration that illumined the vision of our sires, shall ever light the way of truth for us.

*(Puts out candle)*

OFFICIANT—Sons and Daughters of Northwestern, I bid you rise and stand with lifted candles to repeat with me the pledge dear to the heart of every Northwestern man and woman:

(All)—“With a solemn sense of my responsibility,  
I pledge myself to hold my relation to my Alma Mater  
as a sacred trust; as a witness of my pledge to serve;  
to hold it with untarnished honor to myself;  
In generous loyalty to my Alma Mater,  
And with fidelity to my Country, and to my fellow-men.”

OFFICIANT—Thus closes the Candle Lighting Ceremony of Northwestern University.