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Pro-Lifers Pledge to Continue the Work to End Abortion on Demand

Greensboro, NC-North Carolina Right to Life hosted its annual Prayer Breakfast, Rally, and March for Life in Raleigh. Today's events took place to mark the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand.

"After 40 years of abortion on demand, over 54 million unborn children have lost their lives to abortion. How many more lives might have been lost to abortion without our valiant efforts? We will never give up our efforts to save the lives of unborn children from abortion." stated Barbara Holt, President of North Carolina Right to Life. "We have made great strides through education and legislation and our movement is stronger than ever. Much can and will be done this year to move toward that day that all unborn children will be protected in the womb and welcomed into our society."

The 14th Annual Prayer Breakfast for Life, held at the North Raleigh Hilton at 10:00 am, featured guest speaker Olivia Gans Turner, the president of Virginia Society for Human Life and director of American Victims of Abortion. Approximately 300 people, including members of the council of state and the state legislature, attended the event.

The 2013 Rally and March for Life was held at Nash Square at 1:00 pm, over 1,500 pro-lifers from across the state attended the event. Speakers at the rally included Olivia Gans Turner; Barbara Holt, president of North Carolina Right to Life; Sarah Urdzik and Teresa Pincus; and the bishop of Raleigh, The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge. Greetings from pro-life members of Congress were read and Rep. Paul Stam, the newly elected Speaker Pro-Tempore of the NC House addressed the crowd.

In addition to the many people of all ages, there were many school and church youth groups participating and carrying signs with pro-life slogans. Immediately following the Rally, there was an eight block March for Life around the Capitol, ending with refreshments at Sacred Heart Cathedral parking lot. The Raleigh March for Life is a local version of the march that takes place in Washington, D.C. every January that regularly attracts hundreds of thousands of people.

North Carolina Right to Life, Inc., the state affiliate of National Right to Life, is the oldest and largest single issue pro-life organization in the state. Organized with chapters across the state and incorporated in October 1973, it was founded for the purpose of educating the public about abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. Through public policy and legislation on both the federal and state levels, it works to protect all innocent human life threatened by abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

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