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Pro-Lifers Gather in Raleigh to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Greensboro, NC-North Carolina Right to Life will host its annual Prayer Breakfast, Rally, and March for Life in Raleigh on this Saturday, January 19th. This year's events 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 can a compassionate society continue to allow the killing of the most defenseless among us?” asked Barbara Holt, President of North Carolina Right to Life. “How can our society lament the deaths of the children who are born and yet have no compassion for the unborn children who are being slaughtered daily in the abortion facilities at Planned Parenthood and others around our country? Our events on January will address what must be done to end the tragedy of abortion that results in the deaths of defenseless unborn children.”

The 14th Annual Prayer Breakfast for Life, being held at the North Raleigh Hilton at 10:00 am, will feature 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 legislature will also attend.

The 2013 Rally and March for Life will be held at Nash Square at 1:00 pm. Speakers at the rally will include Olivia Gans Turner; Barbara Holt, president of North Carolina Right to Life; Sarah Urdzik and Teresa and the bishop of Raleigh, The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge. In addition to the many people of all ages, there will many school and church youth groups participating and carrying signs with pro-life slogans. Immediately following the Rally, there will be 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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