

CAROL TOBIAS ELECTED NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PRESIDENT
Becomes the organization's 8th president since Roe v. Wade



Carol Tobias, NRLC President

WASHINGTON -- On Saturday, April 9, Carol Tobias was elected president of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the national federation of 50 state affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters. Tobias, who becomes the 8th NRLC president since *Roe v. Wade*, succeeds Wanda Franz, Ph.D. of West Virginia.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to be elected president by the National Right to Life board, which represents our nationwide network of state affiliates and local chapters," said Mrs. Tobias. **"As the late pro-life Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois said, National Right to Life 'is the flagship of the pro-life movement.' I'm looking forward to the opportunity to help our pro-life network in its continuing effort to educate the public and pass laws protecting mothers and their unborn children."**

A native of North Dakota, Tobias has served on the NRLC board of directors since 1987. From 1983 to 1991 she was executive director of North Dakota Right to Life and in 1991 was hired as NRLC political director, a position she held until 2005. During her tenure as NRLC political director, pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. In both 2000 and 2004, she oversaw the efforts of NRLC's political action committee on behalf of George W. Bush.

Mrs. Tobias succeeds Wanda Franz, Ph.D., who has served on the NRLC board of directors from West Virginia since 1979. Dr. Franz was elected NRLC Vice-President in 1984 and was elected NRLC president in 1991. **"National Right to Life, our state affiliates and nationwide network of grassroots chapters thank Dr. Franz for her dedication and leadership for the past 20 years,"** said Tobias.

Mrs. Tobias was elected by the NRLC board of directors at its spring board meeting. The board of directors is comprised of representatives from each of NRLC's 50 state affiliates and 8 directors elected at-large. NRLC is the nation's pro-life organization which is representative of the country's grassroots pro-life citizens and activists.

"The pro-life movement is the greatest social cause of our time," added Tobias. **"I am eager to continue National Right to Life's educational, legislative and political efforts to advance the right to life of the most vulnerable members of our human family – the unborn, the elderly, and the medically dependent and disabled."**

Other officers and executive committee members elected at the spring board meeting include: Executive Vice-President: Anthony J. Lauinger of Oklahoma; Vice-President for International Affairs: Jeanne E. Head, R.N. of New York; Vice-President for Medical Ethics: John Wayne Cockfield, USMC Ret. of South Carolina; Secretary: Holly Gatling of South Carolina; Treasurer: Rev. Dennis C. Day of Idaho; Chairman of the Board: Hon. Geline B. Williams of Virginia; Vice-Chairman of the Board: Hon. Lynda Bell of Florida; and Chet Rucinski of Wisconsin.

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life organizations and more than 3,000 local chapters nationwide, is the nation's largest pro-life group. National Right to Life works through legislation and education to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide.