

Religious Information Bureau

“Changing Lives through Evangelization & Renewal”



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I. The Religious Information Bureau – Missouri Knights United in Evangelization

The Religious Information Bureau (R.I.B.) was founded several decades ago in order to help non-Catholics learn about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. This was especially important in a time in which anti-Catholic bias was present in both religious and secular media. Today the R.I.B. continues to help others learn more about our Church and its teachings. Non-Catholics might take the Home Study Courses through the Catholic Home Study in order to learn about Catholicism prior to joining the Church. Catholics also take the Home Study Courses in order to expand their knowledge of Church teachings and the Bible. Through the R.I.B. people can obtain informational pamphlets on various topics related to our Faith. All of these things help our Order's evangelization efforts on behalf of our Church. We want as many people as possible take advantage of these materials and services, but with more success comes more expenses. Your donations to the Religious Information Bureau are the key to the continued success of this Program.

II. Our Goal for 2016-2017 is \$285,000, and Everyone Can Help Us Reach this Goal

We ask that every Knight support the Religious Information Bureau by giving at least \$7.50 through his Council, and each Council is assigned a quota based on \$7.50 per member. Each member of the Ladies Auxiliary is asked to give \$3.75. Fourth Degree Assemblies, Columbian Squires, Columbus Girls, and Clown Clubs are asked to donate what they can to this Program. With 100% participation from the roughly 42,000 Knights in Missouri we would raise \$315,000. Add \$15,000 from the Ladies Auxiliaries and the total grows to \$330,000!

III. How Councils and Members can Help Achieve our Goal

- Have an R.I.B. donation included with your Council or Auxiliary dues. This is the easiest way to meet your quota.
- Dedicate the funds from a fundraiser to the R.I.B.
- Please consider making a gift to the R.I.B. as part of your estate planning.
- Earn a one-time \$50 credit for your Council by displaying a R.I.B. Board at a public event. The application can be found on a following page and on the State Council's web site.
- Do what you can to raise awareness of the R.I.B. Encourage your parish to use the Home Study Booklets and materials for their youth and adult education programs. Hold classes using the R.I.B. materials before, during or after Council meetings. Encourage fellow Knights and others to review the Programs materials.