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RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSE SYLLABUS

GRADE LEVEL: Pre-Kindergarten

SCHOOL YEAR: 2023-2024

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Religious Studies course!

Religious Studies invites kindergartners to learn and experience God's love through simple reflections on scripture and explore its relevance to their life's experiences. They will be able to navigate, in an age-appropriate way, the living tradition of our Catholic faith.

The kindergartners will learn about Jesus, the symbol of God's love and how to model their lives based on the examples of Jesus Christ. They will be provided with specific time of celebrate God's goodness through music and song, a time for prayer and instruction as well as participating in different activities that are linked to a variety of themes of the lesson.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS: SWBAT discover about:

WORD:

- A.1. I can understand the D'TORCH values.
- A.2. I can recognize the basic Catholic prayers.

WITNESS:

- B.1. We can communicate with God through prayer.
- B.2. We follow the D'TORCH values at school and at home.

WORSHIP:

- C.1. Prayer is a way to give thanks to God's for loving us unconditionally.
- C.2. Jesus gave us special celebrations to share God's love with us.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- *Advent*
- *Christmas*
- *Lent*
- *Holy Week*
- *Easter*
- *Ordinary Time*
- *Holy Days (Dominican/ Saints' Feasts)*
- *Feasts in Honor of Mother Mary*

DOMINICAN PILLARS AND CORE VALUES

- *Study= Truth*
- *Prayer=Joy*
- *Community=Justice*
- *Service/Preaching= Compassion*

PARAGONS OF VALUES: DOMINICAN SAINTS AND BLESSED

Months	Feasts/Memorials of Dominican Saints
August	02- <i>Bl. Jane of Aza</i> 08- <i>St. Dominic de Guzman</i> 14- <i>St. Dominic Ibañez</i> 17- <i>St. Hyacinth of Poland</i> 18- <i>Bl. Mannes de Guzman</i> 23- <i>Rose of Lima</i>
September	18- <i>St. John Macias</i> 20- <i>St. Francis Posadas</i> 28- <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz</i>
October	09- <i>St. Louis Bertrand</i>
November	03- <i>St. Martin de Porres</i> 15- <i>St. Albert the Great</i> 22- <i>Bl. Cecilia</i>
December	01- <i>Bl. John Vercelli</i> <i>The Holy Family</i>
January	07- <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort</i> 18- <i>St. Margaret of Hungary</i>

February	13- Bl. Jordan of Saxony
March	07- St. Thomas Aquinas
April	05- St. Vincent Ferrer 06/29- St. Peter of Verona 20- St. Agnes of Montepulciano 29/30- St. Catherine of Siena 30- St. Pius V
May	10- St. Anthony of Florence 12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini 20- Bl. Columba of Reiti
Others	June 09- Bl. Diana July 17- Bl. Ceslao

School wide Learning Outcomes (SLO's): D'TORCH: Dominicans are Truthful, Organized, Reflective, Courageous, and Helpful

GRADING SYSTEM:

50% Academic

Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects.....16.66%

NOTE: Attendance will be included in the grading.

Section B: Quizzes.....16.67%

Section C. Major Quarterly Exam.....16.67%

Section D: Deportment.....50%

50 % Deportment (Behavior)

• Truthful..... 19 points

• Organized..... 19 points

• Reflective..... 19 points

• Courageous..... 19 points

• Helpful..... 19 points

TOTAL..... 95 points

Note: The highest possible grade students can get every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

- *Call to Faith Series*
- *Bible for Kids*
- *Online Catholic Resources*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- *The Google Classroom code will be given to all students to access Religious Studies' learning guide and tasks.*
- *There will be NO Homework to be given during the weekend except during major exams or quizzes. It is to give them a chance to spend quality time with their family.*
- *The Project D (Detention) significantly affects the Department Grade of students.*

ON ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's own work; and*
- 1. Representing another's intellectual work such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, or research or the like as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.*
- 2. Employing a tutor, making use of Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgement, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's own work.*
- 3. Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.*

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment.

First QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENTS

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1 Aug 10 to 11</p> <p>10 - First Day / Orientation Day 14-St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome back to school Dominicans!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>August 10: School's Opening and General Orientation Day</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 2 Aug 14 to 18</p> <p>17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland 18- Blessed Mannes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Subject (What is RS? Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements) • Grading system (See the syllabus.) • Rules and Regulations • Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy • D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos • Basic Prayers • Students' Profile • Practice for the Mass • Review: Parts of the Mass <p style="text-align: center;"><i>August 15: Opening Mass Assumption of Our Lady (Virtual Streaming)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 3 Aug 21 to 25</p> <p>21- St. Pius X, Pope 22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 23- Saint Rose of Lima 24- St. Bartholomew, apostle 27- St. Monica</p>	<p>Introductory Chapter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce the Patron Saint of DIST - Saint Dominic de Guzman. - Saint of the class.
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Aug 28-Monday Morning Assembly: Creative Play about the Life of St Dominic de Guzman</i></p>

Aug 28 to Sept 1 28- St. Augustine 03-St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor	Introduce and Explain the DTORCH values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Truthful - Organized
Week 5 Sept 4 to 8 05-Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors	Sept 08-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>(Holy Mass and VIP Induction)</i> Introduce and Explain the DTORCH values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflective - Courageous - Helpful
Week 6 Sep 11 to 15 11- St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 15-Our Lady of Sorrows	Sept 12-14 Pre-Exam Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we start a prayer? (Sign of the cross) - Introduce the Basic Prayers (The Lord's Prayer)
Week 7 Sep 18 to 22 18- Saint Juan Macias 21- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist	Self-Assessment Student's Department <i>Individual Conference</i> <i>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</i> Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 1st Quarter Introduce the Basic Prayers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Hail Mary - Glory be - Prayer before meals
Week 8 Sep 25 to 29	Sept 25-28 Teacher's Conference

28-Saint Dominic Ibanez, Friar and Priest, Saint James Kyushei Tomonaga, Friar and Priest, Saint Lawrence Ruiz, Layman And Companions, Members of the Dominican Family, Martyrs of Nagasaki, Japan 29-Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels 30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(No classes for students)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 29-Moon Festival (No classes)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 9 Oct 2 to 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-6 First Quarter Exam</p> 04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi 05-Blessed Raymond of Capua 06-Blessed Bartolo Longo 07-Our Lady of the Rosary	<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 02- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary/World Mental Health and Bullying Prevention</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct 5-6 First Quarter Exam Record Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday (No Classes)</p> <p>How to pray to God?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the sign of the cross - Review the basic prayer

Second QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENTS

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1 (10) Oct 11 to 13</p> 12-Our Lady of Pillar 13-St. Theophilus 15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor 09-Saint Luis Bertran	<p style="text-align: center;">Oct 13-14 Catholic Students' Integration Day (Overnight Camping at DIS Ground)</p> <p>Lesson 1: God's Creation</p> <p>Lesson 2 : God's creation craft</p>

Week 2 (11) Oct 16 to 20 <i>22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i> <i>22-St. John Paul II, Pope</i>	Lesson 1: A big big boat for a big big flood Lesson 2 : Noah's Ark Craft
Week 3 (12) Oct 23 to Oct 27 <i>28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles</i>	<i>Oct 27 Masquerade Night</i> Lesson 1: A boy, a giant and an almighty God Lesson 2 : David and giant craft
Week 4 (13) Oct 30 to Nov 03 <i>01- Solemnity of All Saints</i> <i>02-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)</i> <i>03-Saint Martin de Porres</i>	<i>Nov 1 All Saints Day Mass</i> <i>Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican Profession</i> Lesson 1: Safe in lion's den Lesson 2: Lion's craft
Week 5 (14) Nov 06 to 10 <i>06-Blessed Bonaventura Gracia Paredes, Friar, Priest and Master of the Order</i> <i>Blessed Josefina Sauleda Paulis, Virgin and Nun</i> <i>Blessed Ramona Fossas Roman, Virgin and Sister</i> <i>Blessed Antero Mateo, Married Man and Lay Dominican</i> <i>And Companions, Members of the Dominican Family martyrs</i>	Lesson 1: A child is born Lesson 2 : Who is Jesus?

<p><i>of the Spanish Persecutions of the XX Century</i></p> <p><i>07- All Saints of the Order of Preachers</i></p> <p><i>09- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></p> <p><i>10-St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor</i></p> <p><i>11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i></p> <p><i>13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i></p>	
<p>Week 6 (15) Nov 13 to 17</p> <p><i>15- Saint Albert the Great</i></p> <p><i>16-St. Margaret of Scotland, queen</i></p> <p><i>St. Gertrude, virgin</i></p> <p><i>17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i></p> <p><i>18- Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles</i></p>	<p>Lesson 1: Seeds and storm</p> <p>Lesson 2 : The weed craft</p>
<p>Week 7 (16) Nov 20 to 24</p> <p><i>21- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i></p> <p><i>25-Saint Ignatius Delgado, Friar and Bishop</i></p> <p><i>Saint Vincent Liem De La Paz, Friar and Priest</i></p> <p><i>Saint Dominic Pham Trong An Kham, Lay Dominican</i></p> <p><i>And Companions</i></p> <p><i>Martyrs of Vietnam</i></p>	<p>Nov 23 <i>House Family Day/ Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck (Teachers and staff)</i></p> <p>Nov 24-27 <i>Second Quarter Exam (G12 Graduating)</i></p> <p>Lesson 1: We give thanks</p> <p>- The Thanksgiving Story</p> <p>Lesson 2 : Introducing Advent</p> <p>Advent wreath</p>
<p>Week 8 (17) Nov 27 to Dec 01</p>	<p>Lesson 1 : We celebrate Christmas</p> <p>- Christmas ornaments</p>

30-St. Andrew, apostle 03-St. Francis Xavier	
Week 9 (18) Dec 04 to 8 07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor	Dec 04 First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the afternoon Dec 08 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, principal Patroness of the Philippines DIS 66 th Foundation Day Celebrations Self-Assessment Student's Department Individual Conference Preparation for the Quarter Exam Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2 nd Quarter Review/ Christmas Ornaments
Week 10 (19) Dec 11 to 15 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe 14- St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor	Dec 14-15 Second Quarter Exam Record Day Quarter Exam
Dec 18- to Jan 02-	Christmas Break

Third QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENTS

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 (20) Jan 02 to 05 04-Saint Zdislava of Lemberk, lay Dominican and Wife	Jan 02 – Record Day (Teachers only) Jan 04 – New Year's Mass Lesson 1:My Winter break

Jan. 04, New Year's Mass, Epiphany of the Lord	
Week 2 (21) Jan 08 to 12	Lesson 1: Now I see Lesson 2 : Jesus heals the blind man craft
Week 3 (22) Jan 15 to 19	Jan 15 – Visit of the Master of the Order of Preachers Lesson 1: Who is my neighbor? Lesson 2 : A good Samaritan craft
Week 4 (23) Jan 22 to 26	Jan 26-27 – SUA0 Recollection Lesson 1: God creates me Lesson 2: I am special
Week 5 (24) Jan 29 to Feb 02	Jan 29 –Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas-Para liturgy/ Lecture/Conference/ Symposium Lesson 1: God gives me feelings Lesson 2:Song-If you happy and you know it
Week 6 (25) Feb 05 to 9 14- Valentine's Day/ Ash Wednesday	Feb 05 – Chinese New Year Celebration Lesson 1: God creates my senses Lesson 2: Song: O be Careful little eyes
Week 7 (26) Feb 19 to 23	Feb 19 – Lenten Mass Feb 21 to 23 – Pre-Exam Days Lesson 1: God gives me a family
Week 8 (27)	

Feb 26 to March 01	<i>Feb 26 to 29 – IOWA Assessments</i> <i>Feb 28- Memorial Day (No Classes)</i> Lesson 1: God gives me friends.
Week 9 (28) March 04 to 08	<i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i> <i>Individual Conference</i> <i>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</i> <i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 3rd Quarter</i> Lesson 1: God gives me teacher.
Week 10 (29) March 11	<i>March 8 and 11- Third Quarter Exam</i> Lesson 1: God's love creates a wonderful world. Lesson 2: Thanks for all the gifts of God's creation.

Fourth QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENTS

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 01 (29) March 12 to 15	Lesson 1: Jesus come to us Lesson 2: Jesus's followers
Week 02 (30) March 18 to 22	<i>March 19- Feast of St. Joseph</i> Lesson 1: The story of Easter Lesson 2 : He is alive!
March 25 to April 5	<i>Easter/Spring Break</i> <i>Tomb Sweeping Day/ Children's Day</i>
Week 03 (31)	<i>April 10- Easter Mass and Egg Hunting</i>

April 08 to 12	Lesson 1: The lost sheep Lesson 2 : Jesus loves the little children
Week 04 (32) Apr 15 to 19	Lesson 1: The Story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. Lesson 2: Jonah and the whale
Week 05 (33) Apr 22 to Apr 26	<i>April 22 to 26- Laudato Si Week/ Earth Day Week</i> Review for quarter exam
Week 06 (34) April 29 to May 03	<i>May 1 to 10- Final Exams (K2, Gr 5, 8 and 12)</i> Review for quarter exam
Week 07 (35) May 06 to 11	4th Quarter Exam
Week 08 (36) May 13 to 17	<i>May 13 Post Mother's Day Celebration Integrated in the Prayer</i> 15-16 Undergraduate 4th Quarter Exam
Week 09 (37) May 20 to 24	<i>May 20 May Crowning/ Santacruzian May 21 May Baccalaureate Mass for grades 8 and 12 (Graduating classes)</i>
Week 10 (38) May 27 to 31	Completion

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