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Religious Studies Course Syllabus

GRADE LEVEL	11
SCHOOL YEAR	2022-2023
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to The World's Religions course!

Understanding the basics of world religions in a multicultural and global world is a must. The students will learn how to respect different religions' set of beliefs and to understand properly the worldviews they shape without prejudice and bias. This will help them to recognize the diversity of the human world and culture as a positive yet challenging characteristic. Interviewing people of different religions and connecting religion with other subjects will help the students to build a positive relationship toward people and the various academic and social fields. Reading and commenting on newspaper articles related to world religions is one of the routine exercises at this level.

Teaching Strategies

Classroom interaction is emphasized. Instead of one-way teaching, students will do some research on Religion related to other academic subjects. Group discussion will sometimes be organized; students will be required to interview people of different religions. Students will be encouraged to discover the richness of the meaning of life. Students will have the opportunity to present and explain her/his idea to their classmates through discussions.

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS: At the end of the quarter, students will be able to:

QUARTER	First
CHAPTER TITLE/S	RELIGIONS – Judaism

A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	<p>A.1. Understand the meaning of Religion and Explain how influences within a Religion affect people's behaviour</p> <p>A.2. Assess their level of religious tolerance.</p> <p>A.3. Students compose a personal definition of Religion</p>
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	<p>B.1. Discover the four pillars of Dominican</p> <p>B.2. Collaborate with other religions through religious dialogue</p> <p>B.3. Distinguish the difference between religion and denomination, belief and practice, religion and ethics.</p>
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	<p>C.1. Become aware of 'Cults '</p> <p>C.2. Prioritize prayer as one of the tools to reach God</p> <p>C.3. Differentiate between sacred and secular</p>
Faith Glossary	Synagogue, Torah, Decalogue, Sabbath, Holocaust, Monotheism, Etc.

QUARTER	Second
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Christianity – Islam and Baha'i
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	<p>A.1. Identify major beliefs of Islam</p> <p>A.2. Learn the central beliefs of Baha'i.</p> <p>A.3. Compare the beliefs of Islam and Baha'i.</p>
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	<p>B.1. Practice the five pillars in their own way.</p> <p>B.2. Discover the life of Muhammad and the characteristics of Islam</p> <p>B.3. Respect and understand the Islamic culture and mentality</p>
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	<p>C.1. Praise God for the gifts of religions and mutual acceptance of the same</p> <p>C.2. Compare Islam and Sikhism</p>

	C.3. Prioritize prayer as one of the tools to reach God
Faith Glossary	Allah, Muslim, Hajj, Imam, Mosque, etc.

QUARTER	Third
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Hinduism
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	<p>A.1. Discover the beliefs and practices of Hinduism</p> <p>A.2. Name and explain the four human wants</p> <p>A.3.</p>
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	<p>B.1. Respect and understand the Hindu culture and mentality</p> <p>B.2. Relate morality with the law of Karma.</p> <p>B.3. Understand the role of a Guru.</p>
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	<p>C.1. No religion is bad if it leads to God</p> <p>C.2. Prioritize prayer as one of the tools to reach God</p> <p>C.3. Students are able to identify characteristics of Eastern thought and articulate their feelings to God through prayer and silence</p>
Faith Glossary	Atma, Aum, guru, yoga, etc.

QUARTER	Fourth
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Sikhism and Buddhism
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	<p>A.1. Students are able to know more about Sikhism</p> <p>A.2. Respect and understand the Sikh culture and mentality</p> <p>A.3. Point out characteristics of Sikhism which are from Hinduism and Islam</p>
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	<p>B.1. Learn to have calm mind in the midst of problems</p> <p>B.2. explain and live the four noble truths.</p> <p>B.3. discuss and compare the merits of morality that is directed to self and outward towards the world.</p>

C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	C.1. communicate elements of peace to people around C.2. apply the steps for the Eightfold Path in their daily activities. C.3. practice yoga prayer
Faith Glossary	Sikh, Buddha, Nirvana, Zen, Gurudwara, etc.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- ✓ Advent
- ✓ Christmas
- ✓ Lent
- ✓ Holy Week
- ✓ Easter
- ✓ Ordinary Time
- ✓ Dominican Feasts: Memorials and Solemnities
- ✓ 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	<i>02- Bl. Jane of Aza</i> <i>08- St. Dominic de Guzman</i> <i>14- St. Dominic Ibañez</i> <i>17- St. Hyacinth of Poland</i> <i>18- Bl. Mannes de Guzman</i> <i>23- Rose of Lima</i>
September	<i>18- St. John Macias</i> <i>20- St. Francis Posadas</i>

28- *St. Lawrence Ruiz*

October 09- *St. Louis Bertrand*

November 03- *St. Martin de Porres*
15- *St. Albert the Great*
22- *Bl. Cecilia*

December 01- *Bl. John Vercelli*
The Holy Family

January 07- *St. Raymond of Peñafort*
18- *St. Margaret of Hungary*

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. Ceslaus

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

GRADING SYSTEM:

50 % Academic

- Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects.....16.66%
- Section B: Quizzes.....16.67%
- Section C. Major Quarterly Exam.....16.67%
- Section D: Department.....50%
- TOTAL..... 100 %**

50 % Department (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 Department is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system.*

**PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES (PRINTED
AN ONLINE)**

Learning Resource 1. 12 Major World Religions: The Beliefs, Rituals, and Traditions of Humanity's Most Influential Faiths by Jason Boyett

Learning Resource 2. The Rich History of the World's Major Faiths: The Story of Religion by John Hawkins

Online RS 11 Resources will be provided by the teacher via Google Classroom.

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 students a chance to spend quality time with their family.*

- *The Project D (Detention) and Project I will affect the Department Grade of students.*
- *Plagiarism is a serious offense and a form of theft. In certain cases, it is also a criminal offense. It is defined as taking words, phrasing, sentence structure, or any other element of the expression of another person’s ideas, and using them as if they were your own. Plagiarism is a violation of another person’s rights, whether the material stolen is great or small – it is not a matter of degree or intent. Plagiarism has serious consequences. ANY act of plagiarism will result in an automatic ZERO on the entire assignment or learning task.*

First QUARTER – COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 Aug. 10-12	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome back to school Dominicans!</p> <p>August 10: First Day of School/Orientation Day</p> <p>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of the Subject (What is RS? Course contents for the whole quarter and subject’s requirements) 2. Grading system (See the syllabus.) 3. Rules and Regulations/ Online Learning Guidelines/ Class Agreement (Based on the D’TORCH Values) 4. Review: DIST Vision-Mission and Philosophy 5. D’TORCH values and Dominican Ethos 6. Basic Prayers 7. Students’ Profile
Week 2 Aug. 15-19	<p>August 15: Holy Mass: Feast of the Assumption</p> <p>17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland 18- Blessed Mannes 21- St. Pius X, Pope 22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Introducing the Course “World Religions”</p> <p>1. Introduction to the Religion. Forming worldview. Defining Religion (Discussion in groups) Influences of Religions.</p>
Week 3	22-Beginning of Morning Assembly

<p>Aug. 22-26</p> <p>23- <i>Saint Rose of Lima</i> 24- <i>St. Bartholomew, apostle</i> 27- <i>St. Monica</i> 28- <i>St. Augustine</i></p>	<p>(Students will interview people of different religions.) Why study Religion? Some words of Caution Cult</p>
<p>Week 4 Aug. 29 to Sept 2</p> <p>03-<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</i> 05-<i>Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors</i></p>	<p>2-House Activity and DYM Concert</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Quiz</p>
<p>Week 5 Sept. 5 to 9</p> <p>08-<i>Holy Mass: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p> <p>10-<i>Blessed Alphonsus Navarrete and Companions</i> 11- <i>St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow</i></p>	<p>5- Peace Ceremony</p> <p>8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>2. JUDAISM</p> <p>Introduction and Biblical History.</p>
<p>Week 6 Sept. 12 to 16</p> <p>14-<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 15-<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 16-<i>St. Cornelius, Pope and St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs</i> 18- <i>Saint Juan Macias</i></p>	<p>From Abraham to Moses The Exodus</p> <p>(Watch the movie “The Ten Commandments”)</p>
<p>Week 7 Sept. 19 to 2</p>	<p>The movie “The Ten Commandments” (contd.) Holocaust.</p>

<p>21- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist 23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</p>	
<p>Week 8 Sept. 26-30</p> <p>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>	<p>Jewish Festivals. Review Test</p> <p>26- Teacher's Day Celebration 28-30 Teacher's Conference (No Classes)</p>
<p>Week 9 Oct. 3-7</p> <p>04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi 05-Blessed Raymond of Capua</p> <p>Oct 03- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary during the usual Monday Morning Assembly</p> <p>06-Blessed Bartolo Longo 07-Our Lady of the Rosary</p>	<p>Quarter Examination</p> <p>6-7 First Quarter Exam Record Day 10- Double Ten</p>

Second QUARTER –COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1 (10) Oct.11-14</p> <p><i>10- Double 10 Holiday</i></p> <p><i>12-Our Lady of Pillar</i> <i>13-St. Theophilus</i> <i>15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor</i> <i>09-Saint Luis Bertran</i></p>	<p>CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY</p> <p>Catholic Church structure</p> <p>God’s Revelation through Scripture and Tradition</p> <p>The 7 Sacraments</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 2 (11) Oct. 17- to 21</p> <p><i>22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i> <i>22-St. John Paul II, Pope</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17- Catholic Students’ Integration Day</p> <p>The 7 Sacraments (Contd.)</p> <p>Introduction to Islam</p> <p>Myths and Realities (Q & A)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 3 (12) Oct. 24- 28</p> <p><i>28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles</i></p>	<p>Prophet Mohamed</p> <p>Schools of Islam</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28- Masquerade Night</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 4 (13) Oct. 31 to Nov. 4</p> <p><i>01- Solemnity of All Saints</i> <i>02-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul’s Day)</i> 03-Saint Martin de Porres <i>06-Blessed Bonaventura Gracia Paredes, Friar, Priest and Master of the Order</i> <i>Blessed Josefina Sauleda Paulis, Virgin and Nun</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1- All Saints Day Mass: Visit to the chapel to remember the dear ones gone before us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2- Feast of St. Martin de Porres (TOP Profession)</p> <p>Pillars of Islam</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Baha’i</p>

<p><i>Blessed Ramona Fossas Roman, Virgin and Sister Blessed Antero Mateo, Married Man and Lay Dominican And Companions, Members of the Dominican Familymartyrs of the Spanish Persecutions of the XX Century</i></p>	
<p>Week 5 (14) Nov. 7- 11</p> <p><i>07- All Saints of the Order of Preachers 09- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 10-St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor 11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i></p>	<p>Baha'i practices – Watch a video of Baha'i Religion</p>
<p>Week 6 (15) Nov. 14 to 18</p> <p><i>15- Saint Albert the Great 16-St. Margaret of Scotland, queen St. Gertrude, virgin 17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 18- Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conclusion</p> <p>Test</p>
<p>Week 7 (16) Nov 21- to 25</p> <p><i>21- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 25-Saint Ignatius Delgado, Friar and Bishop</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24- Thanksgiving Mass for Teachers 25 and 28, Grade 12 Q2 Examination</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving activities</p>

<p><i>Saint Vincent Liem De La Paz, Friar and Priest</i> <i>Saint Dominic Pham Trong An Kham, Lay Dominican</i> <i>And Companions</i> <i>Martyrs of Vietnam</i></p>	<p>Advent activities</p>
<p>Week 8 (17) Nov 28 to Dec 02</p> <p><i>1-Pre-exam days</i></p> <p>30-St. Andrew, apostle 03-St. Francis Xavier</p> <p><i>Dec. 02 to 03, SUA0 Advent Recollection</i></p>	<p>28- Lighting of the First Advent Candle Dec 2-3 SUA0 Retreat</p> <p>Christmas activities</p>
<p>Week 9 (18) Dec 5- to 8</p> <p>07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor</p> <p><i>08 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 65th DIST Foundation Day Celebrations</i></p>	<p>5- Lighting of the Second Advent Candle 5- Opening of the DIST 65th Founding Anniversary 5-Christmas Tree lighting (4:30 pm) 6- Cheering Competition 7- Academic Day 8- DIST 65th Founding Anniversary Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Activities on Mother Mary</p>
<p>Week 10 (19) Dec 15 to 16</p> <p><i>Second Quarter Exam</i></p> <p>12- Our Lady of Guadalupe 14- St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor</p>	<p>15-16- Second Quarter Exam Record Day</p>
<p>Dec 19- to Jan 02-</p>	<p>Christmas Break</p>

Third QUARTER – COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 (20) Jan 3-6 <i>04-Saint Zdislava of Lemberk, lay Dominican and Wife</i> <i>04-Birthday of Sr. Zenaida/Holy Mass for teachers and staff only</i>	3- Directress Birthday and Jubilee Celebration
Week 2 (21) Jan 9-13	9- St. Thomas Para liturgy (1st Period) Introduction to Hinduism History Vedas (Listen prayerfully to a Hindu sloka)
Week 3 (22) Jan 16-20	Human wants Hindu gods Presentation of various Hindu gods by the students.
Week 4 (23) Jan 30-Feb 3	Paths to the Goal = Yoga (Yoga time) Stages of life
Jan 23-27	Chinese New Year Break
Week 5 (24) Feb 6-10	Caste system Hindu practices

Week 6 (25) Feb 13-17	13-17 Religious Studies Week
Week 7 (26) Feb 20-24	22-Ash Wednesday Mass Lent/Lenten activities
	27-28 Memorial Day Holiday
Week 8 (27) March 1-3	Introduction to “Religion and other academic subjects” Forming groups, Mind maps.
Week 9 (28) March 6-10	10 and 13 Third Quarter Exam
Week 1 (30) March 14-17	17-St. Patrick’s Mass “Religion and other academic subjects”

Fourth QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 2 (30) March 20-24	Fourth Quarter Begins Introduction to Sikhism (Watch dance video) Guru Nanak Sikh Beliefs

<p>Week 03 (31) March 27-31</p>	<p>29- Spring Fair The five Ks</p>
	<p>April 3-7 Tomb Sweeping Day Holiday April 10-14 Easter Break/Spring Break</p>
<p>Week 04 (33) Apr 17-21</p>	<p>17- Easter Mass/ Initial Sacraments Easter Activity Preparation for presentation on Religion and other subjects.</p>
<p>Week 05 (34) Apr 24-28</p>	<p>Presentation: Religion and other subjects.</p>
<p>Week 6 (35) May 1-5</p>	<p>1-12 AP Exams (study time) 1-12 Final Exams (K2, Grades 5, 8, 12 Only)</p>
<p>Week 07 (36) May 8-12</p>	<p>Study time Oral Exam</p>
<p>Week 08 (37) May 15-19</p>	<p>18 & 19 Q4 Exams Undergraduate</p>
<p>Week 09 (38) May 22- 26</p>	<p>23- Baccalaureate Mass</p>
<p>Week 10 (39) May 29-June 2</p>	<p>2-Year-End Mass</p>

St. Dominic and St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us!

