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Religious Studies Course Syllabus

GRADE LEVEL	Kindergarten 1
SCHOOL YEAR	2022-2023
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Religious Studies course!

Religious Studies Lessons will engage kindergartners to learn and experience God's love through simple reflections on scripture and discover its relevance and significance to their experiences. The kindergartners will be able to explore, in an age-appropriate way, the living tradition of our Catholic faith, in a Dominican way.

The kindergartners will learn about Jesus, the symbol of God's love and how to model their lives on all that He teaches. The lessons will provide a learning opportunity to celebrate God's goodness through liturgical hymns, a time for prayer and instruction as well as participating in an activity linked to the themes of the lesson.

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

QUARTER	First
CHAPTER TITLE/S	I am a Dominican
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	A.1. I can understand the D'TORCH values. A.2. I can recognize the basic prayers.

B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	B.1. We can communicate with God through prayers. B.2. We follow the D'TORCH values at school.
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	C.1. We believe that prayer is a way to give thanks to God. C.2. We believe that Jesus gave us special celebrations to share God's love with us.
Faith Glossary	Prayer helps us to put faith into action. It is a way of being reflective!

QUARTER	Second
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Bible is a book with words of God
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	A.1. I can realize that Catholic Bible is a book about Jesus and God. A.2. I can understand that we should follow the Words of God.
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	B.1. We believe that God's rule teaches us how to love. B.2. We believe that God has given us special people who love and care for us.
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	C.1. We praise and worship God. C.2. We share and grow in love sa one family of God.
Faith Glossary	The Bible is the written Word of God and thus the ultimate set of guiding principles governing all areas of life for the people of God.

QUARTER	Third
CHAPTER TITLE/S	Jesus comes to us. Jesus shares God's love.
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	A.1. I can realize that God gives us Jesus, who reaches us to love God, ourselves, and others.

	A.2. I can celebrate God’s love for others.
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	B.1. We believe that Jesus told stories to tell us about God’s love. B.2. We believe that God’s love for us is everlasting.
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	C.1. We can communicate that the holy Mass is a prayer of thanks for God’s love. This is the highest form of worship. C.2. We believe that Jesus gave us special celebrations to share God’s love with us.
Faith Glossary	Prayer helps us put faith into action. It is a way of being.

QUARTER	Fourth
CHAPTER TITLE/S	God’s love makes me who I am / God gives us loving people.
A. WORD: Doctrinal Focus	A.1. I can communicate that my body, talents, feelings and senses are gifts from a loving God. A.2. I can converse that God gives us many people to love-families, friends, teachers, neighbors, and community members.
B. WITNESS: Discipleship Formation	B.1. We believe that God’s love for us makes us special. B.2. We believe that God has given us special people who love and care for us.
C. WORSHIP: Scripture References	C.1. We believe that we use the talents God gave us to praise him. C.2. We believe that we can give and receive love.
Faith Glossary	We thank God that we are wonderfully made.

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> <i>28- St. Lawrence Ruiz</i>
October	<i>09- St. Louis Bertrand</i>
November	<i>03- St. Martin de Porres</i> <i>15- St. Albert the Great</i> <i>22- Bl. Cecilia</i>
December	<i>01- Bl. John Vercelli</i>

The Holy Family

January	<i>07- St. Raymond of Peñafort 18- St. Margaret of Hungary</i>
February	<i>13- Bl. Jordan of Saxony</i>
March	<i>07- St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
April	<i>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</i>
May	<i>10- St. Anthony of Florence 12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini 20- Bl. Columba of Reiti</i>
Others	<i>June 09- Bl. Diana July 17- Bl. Ceslaus</i>

**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)

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	Welcome back to school Dominicans! August 10: First Day of School/Orientation Day Discuss Classroom Policy and Procedures.
Week 2 Aug. 15-19 <i>17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland</i>	August 15: Holy Mass: Feast of the Assumption Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction

<p>18- <i>Blessed Mannes</i> 21- <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i> 22-<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>	<p>1. Overview of the Subject (What is RS? Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements) 2. Rules and Regulations</p>
<p>Week 3 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>22-Beginning of Morning Assembly Introductory Chapter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce the Patron Saint of DIST - Saint Dominic de Guzman.
<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 Introduce and Explain the DTORCH values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Truthful - Organized
<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 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Introduce and Explain the DTORCH values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflective - Courageous - Helpful
<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></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we start a prayer? (Sign of the cross) - Introduce the Basic Prayers (The Lord's Prayer)

<p>16-St. Cornelius, Pope and St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs 18- Saint Juan Macias</p>	
<p>Week 7 Sept. 19 to 2</p> <p>21- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist 23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</p>	<p>Introduce the Basic Prayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Hail Mary - Glory be - Angelus - Prayer before meals
<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 style="text-align: center;">26- Teacher's Day Celebration 28-30 Teacher's Conference (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 prayers
<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 style="text-align: center;">6-7 First Quarter Exam Record Day 10- Double Ten</p> <p>Lesson 1: God's Creation</p> <p>Lesson 2 : God's creation craft</p>

06-Blessed Bartolo Longo
 07-Our Lady of the
 Rosary

Second QUARTER –COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p>Week 1 (10) Oct.11-14 <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>Lesson 1: A big boat for a big flood</p> <p>Lesson 2 : Noah’s Ark Craft</p>
<p>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>17- Catholic Students’ Integration Day</p> <p>Lesson 1: A boy, a giant and an Almighty God</p> <p>Lesson 2 : David and giant craft</p>
<p>Week 3 (12) Oct. 24- 28</p> <p><i>28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles</i></p>	<p>28- Masquerade Night</p> <p>Lesson 1: Safe in lion’s den (The Story of Daniel)</p> <p>Lesson 2: Lion’s craft</p>
<p>Week 4 (13) Oct. 31 to Nov. 4</p> <p><i>01- Solemnity of All Saints</i></p>	<p>1- All Saints Day Mass 2- Feast of St. Martin de Porres (TOP Profession)</p> <p>Lesson 1: A child is born: The Story of Christmas</p>

<p>02-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) 03-Saint Martin de Porres 06-Blessed Bonaventura Gracia Paredes, Friar, Priest and Master of the Order Blessed Josefina Sauleda Paulis, Virgin and Nun Blessed Ramona Fossas Roman, Virgin and Sister Blessed Antero Mateo, Married Man and Lay Dominican And Companions, Members of the Dominican Family martyrs of the Spanish Persecutions of the XX Century</p>	<p>Lesson 2 : Who is Jesus?</p>
<p>Week 5 (14) Nov. 7- 11</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Lesson 1: Seeds and storm Lesson 2 : The weed craft</p>
<p>Week 6 (15) Nov. 14 to 18</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Lesson 1: One little lunch Lesson 2 : Two fish and five loaves of bread craft (The Multiplication of Bread)</p>

<p>Week 7 (16) Nov 21- to 25</p> <p>21- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 25-Saint Ignatius Delgado, Friar and Bishop Saint Vincent Liem De La Paz, Friar and Priest Saint Dominic Pham Trong An Kham, Lay Dominican And Companions Martyrs of Vietnam</p>	<p>24- Thanksgiving Mass for Teachers 25 and 28, Grade 12 Q2 Examination</p> <p>Lesson 1: We give thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Thanksgiving Story <p>Lesson 2 : Introducing Advent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent wreath
<p>Week 8 (17) Nov 28 to Dec 02</p> <p>1-Pre-exam days</p> <p>30-St. Andrew, apostle 03-St. Francis Xavier</p> <p>Dec. 02 to 03, SUA0 Advent Recollection</p>	<p>28- Lighting of the First Advent Candle Dec 2-3 SUA0 Retreat</p> <p>Lesson 1 : We celebrate Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas ornaments
<p>Week 9 (18) Dec 5- to 8</p> <p>07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor</p> <p>08 - <i>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 Concepcion</p> <p>Review/ Christmas Ornaments</p>
<p>Week 10 (19) Dec 15 to 16</p>	<p>15-16- Second Quarter Exam Record Day Quarter Exam</p>

Second Quarter Exam	
12- Our Lady of Guadalupe 14- St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor	
Dec 19- to Jan 02-	Christmas Break

Third QUARTER – COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1 (20) Jan 3-6</p> <p><i>04-Saint Zdislava of Lemberk, lay Dominican and Wife</i></p> <p><i>04-Birthday of Sr. Zenaida/Holy Mass for teachers and staff only</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1- Directress Birthday and Jubilee Celebration</p> <p>Lesson 1: Now I see</p> <p>Lesson 2 : Jesus heals the blind man craft</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 2 (21) Jan 9-13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19- St. Thomas Para liturgy (1st Period)</p> <p>Lesson 1: Who is my neighbor?</p> <p>Lesson 2 : A good Samaritan craft</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 3 (22) Jan 16-20</p>	<p>Lesson 1: God creates me</p> <p>Lesson 2: I am special</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 4 (23) Jan 30-Feb 3</p>	<p>Lesson 1: God gives me feelings</p> <p>Lesson 2: Song-If you happy and you know it</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Jan 23-27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chinese New Year Break</p>

Week 5 (24) Feb 6-10	Lesson 1: God creates my senses Lesson 2: Song: O be Careful little eyes
Week 6 (25) Feb 13-17	Lesson 1: God gives me a family
Week 7 (26) Feb 20-24	Lesson 1: God gives me friends.
Week 8 (27) March 1-3	Lesson 1: God gives me teacher.
Week 9 (28) March 6-10	10 and 13 Third Quarter Exam Lesson 1: God's love creates a wonderful world. Lesson 2: Thanks for all the gifts of God's creation.
Week 1 (30) March 14-17	17-St. Patrick's Mass Lesson 1: Jesus come to us Lesson 2: Jesus's followers

Fourth QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 2 (30) March 20-24	Fourth Quarter Begins Lesson 1: The Lost Sheep Lesson 2 : Jesus loves the little children
Week 03 (31)	29- Spring Fair

March 27-31	Lesson 1: The story of Easter Lesson 2: He is alive!
	April 3-7 Tomb Sweeping Day Holiday April 10-14 Easter Break/Spring Break
Week 04 (33) Apr 17-21	17- Easter Mass/ Initial Sacraments Review for quarter exam
Week 05 (34) Apr 24-28	Review for quarter exam
Week 6 (35) May 1-5	1-12 AP Exams 1-12 Final Exams (K2, Grades 5, 8, 12 Only) Review for quarter exam
Week 07 (36) May 8-12	Quarter Exam
Week 08 (37) May 15-19	18 & 19 Q4 Exams Undergraduate Quarter Exam
Week 09 (38) May 22- 26	23- Baccalaureate Mass Lesson 1: The Story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. Lesson 2: Jonah and the whale
Week 10 (39) May 29-June 2	2- Year-End Mass

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