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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Religious Studies
Grade Level	5
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

“Be Still and know that I am God.” - Psalm 46:10

Welcome to the Values Education course!

Religious Studies aims to foster the integral development of young individuals, shaping them into valuable and constructive members of society through a God-centered education. Rooted in Dominican ideals—love for study, prayer, community, and service—this course encourages students to internalize and live out these core values.

This course is anchored on the three foundational Pillars of the Campus Ministry Department: the **“Word”** for Doctrine, the **“Witness”** for the valuing and application of the concept learned, and the **“Worship”** for the celebration of faith. By harmonizing these pillars, the program nurtures holistic formation, guiding students to become critical thinkers, responsible decision-makers, and individuals who embody Christian and universal values. Along the way, they will deepen their appreciation for love and trust, recognize the importance of mutual respect, and embrace their responsibility toward caring for the environment. They will also become

more aware of the challenges present in today's world and learn to consistently strive to lead a morally grounded life.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS: (SWBAT)

WORD:

Students will be able to immerse themselves in the Word of God and let them realize that God always speaks through His Word. This is also to let the learners know that God knows how to listen and hear our prayers and petitions. And let them realize that God's Word is the manifestation of His great love for us, His beloved children.

WITNESS:

With God's Word, students will become witnesses of God's unconditional love and promises for us. In this manner, students become mindful of their actions, decisions and even words towards others, most especially, to their parents, teachers and loved ones.

WORSHIP:

As faithful witnesses and bearers of God's unconditional love for others, students will become faithful and constantly committed to God in both seasons of joy and sorrows, victory and loss, life, and death. We pray that learners will stand on their own with holy hearts and minds, and declare, Glory to God in the highest.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Ordinary Time
- Feasts and Memorials of Dominican Saints
- 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> <i>The Holy Family</i>
January	<i>07- St. Raymond of Peñafort</i> <i>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</i> <i>06/29- St. Peter of Verona</i> <i>20- St. Agnes of Montepulciano</i> <i>29/30- St. Catherine of Siena</i> <i>30- St. Pius V</i>

May 10- St. Anthony of Florence
 12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini
 20- Bl. Columba of Rieti

Others June 09- Bl. Diana
 July 17- Bl. Ceslaus

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

GRADING SYSTEM:

Part 1: Academic (50 %)

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

NOTE: *Attendance will be included in the RS grading system.*

Section B: Quizzes.....16.67%

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

Part 2: Deportment/Behavior (50 %)

- 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. **Students are guided how to do deportment self-evaluation truthfully and reflectively.***

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Books and Electronic Books:

Esposito, P., et. al. (2016). *Blest are we: Faith in Action*. RCL Benziger.
EWTN. *Saints*. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints>

Petrussello, Melissa. *The Seven Sacraments of the Roman Catholic church*.
<https://www.britannica.com/list/the-seven-sacraments-of-the-roman-catholic-church>
_____ (2017). *The Catholic Youth Bible*. Saint Mary's Press.

Electronic References:

Andrea Bocelli. (2015, October 23). *Andrea Bocelli - The Lord's Prayer - Live from The Kodak Theatre, USA / 2009* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8jlmIjg4UY>

CNN Philippines. (2023, July 14). *Fr. Jerome Secilliano, Pura Luka Vega & Bataan Rep. Geraldine Roman | The Source* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn4dOsArdS8>

Matt Fyfield. (2018, September 3). *Sacraments vs Sacramental* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUHWjDn7cf8>

Movieclips. (2012, May 25). *Coach Carter (5/9) Movie CLIP - A Better Life (2005) HD* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FKPDOPKzDo>

Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent – ProEcclesiaSancta. (2023, January 28). *HOLY KIDS: Each vocation explained* [Video]. YouTube.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLS2_0XP82c

Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent – ProEcclesiaSancta. (2022, January 29). *HOLY KIDS: Eucharist Series | E3 Finding Jesus* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8tJOZE4LeY>

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (2012, September 28). *Jesus Forgives Sins and Heals a Man Stricken with Palsy | The Bible* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VW4-wxIB1pA>

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (2014, July 24). *The Road to Damascus: Saul Takes His Journey | The Bible* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPlez-rwhKY>

Vision Video. (2021, June 17). *iBIBLE Chapter 1: Creation* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJIEdVezmfY>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- *The Google Classroom code will be given to all students to access all the 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) 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:

- *Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's own work; and*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *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 and deduction from the Department.

FIRST QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 Aug 12 to 15 <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium	Welcome back to school, Dominicans! • Overview of the Subject • Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements • Grading System (See the syllabus.)

15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	• 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
Week 2 Aug 18 to 22 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	UNIT 1: The Sacraments: God's Gifts of Life Prayer: (Blest we are, p. 25 and 49) Saints of the Week: St. Damien de Veuster (1840-1889) and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) Topics: 1.1 God's Wonderful Creation 1.2 Living the Beatitudes Students' Engagement: Watch: iBIBLE Chapter 1: Creation [RevelationMedia], https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJIEdVezmfY Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Read: <i>The Beatitudes</i> (Mt. 5: 3-10) and refer to "Blest we are" p. 53. Pedagogy: Socratic Method
Week 3 Aug 25 to 29 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Continuation: Prayer: (Blest we are, p. 37 and 61) Saints of the Week: Bl. Miguel Pro (1891-1927) and St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937) Topics: 1.3 Overview of the Seven Sacraments 1.4 Sacramentals: Signs of God's Love

	Students' Engagement: Watch: Sacraments vs Sacramental, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUHWjDn7cf8 Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Refer to "Blest we are" p. 67. Special Activity: About St. Dominic de Guzman
Week 4 Sept 1 to 5 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair	UNIT 2: Baptism and Confirmation Prayer: (Blest we are, p. 83 and 95) Saints of the Week: St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) and St. Margaret Clitherow (1555-1586) Topics: 2.1 We are Baptized into the Body of Christ 2.2. Baptism and Confirmation Students' Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>) Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Why does a person receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation only once? (5-10 sentences) Pedagogy: Socratic Method
Week 5 Sept 8 to 12 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Continuation: Prayer: (Blest we are, p. 107 and 119) Saints of the Week: St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) and St. Patrick (387-493 AD) Topics: 2.3 Grace: A Gift from God

	2.4 We Profess our Faith Students' Engagement: Watch: <i>Acts 22 The Road to Damascus: Saul Takes His Journey The Bible</i>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPlez-rwhKY Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Refer to “Blest are we, p. 111. Assessment: Refer to “Blest are we, p. 123 <i>Sept 08-Holy Mass & VIP Induction & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Week 6 Sep 15 to 19 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	UNIT 3: The Eucharist Prayer: (Blest are we, p. 141) Saint of the Week: St. Jerome (340-420 AD) Topics: 3.1 God's Word feeds us Students' Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>) Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Refer to “Blest are we, p. 147. Pedagogy: Socratic Method <i>September 16-18 – Pre-Exam Days</i>
Week 7 Sep 22nd to 26 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the	Review of the Topics for the Quarterly Examination: (1) Unit 1: The Sacraments: God's Gifts of Life (1.1) God's Wonderful Creation (1.2) The Seven Sacraments

Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	(1.3) Living Beatitudes (1.4) Sacramentals: Signs of God's Love (2) Unit 2: Baptism and Confirmation (2.1) We are Baptized into the Body of Christ (2.2) Baptism and Confirmation (2.3) Grace: A Gift from God (2.4) We Profess our Faith (3) Unit 3: The Eucharist Students' Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>) Assessment: Checking of Notes
Week 8 Sep 29 to October 3 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	September 29 – Confucius Day Holiday <i>Self-Assessment Student's Deportment</i> <i>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</i> <i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 1st Quarter</i> October 1 and 2 – QUARTER EXAMS October 3- RECORD DAY (no classes for students)
Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)	
Week 9 Oct 6 to 10	October 6 - Moon Festival Holiday October 7-9 – Teachers' Conference (No class for students) October 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday

	October – Month of the Holy Rosary
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	

SECOND QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 13 to 17 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	Start of the Second Quarter ● Rechecking of 1st Quarter Exam ● Showing of Grades ● One-on-one Conference (Department) ● Other Matters/ Announcement ● Setting Goals and Expectations ● Introduction to the next unit/lesson
Week 2 (11) Oct 20 to 24 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students	Continuation: The Seven Sacraments Prayer: (Blest are we, p. 153) Saint of the Week: St. Francisco Marto (1908-1919) Topics: 3.2 The Holy Orders and Matrimony 3.3 Matrimony

24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room) OCTOBER 24 – RETROCESSION DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Students’ Engagement: Watch: <i>HOLY KIDS: Eucharist Series</i> <i>E3 Finding Jesus</i>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8tJOZE4LeY Activity (Think, Pair and Share): If you are going to draw a symbol of the Eucharist, what would that be and why? Pedagogy: Socratic Method
Week 3 (12) Oct 27 to Oct 31 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Continuation: Prayer: (Blest are we, p. 177) Saint of the Week: Bl. Julian of Norwich (1342 c-1416) Topics: 3.3 Living as Christians 3.4 We Pray for Guidance Students’ Engagement: Watch: <i>Fr. Jerome Secilliano, Pura Luka Vega & Bataan Rep. Geraldine Roman</i> <i>The Source</i>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn4dOsArdS8 or <i>Andrea Bocelli - The Lord's Prayer - Live From The Kodak Theatre, USA / 2009</i>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u8jlmIlg4UY Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Refer to Blest are we, p. 179. Students’ Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>) Pedagogy: Socratic Method
Week 4 (13) Nov 3 to 7 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly)	Continuation: Prayer: (Blest are we, p. 165) Saint of the Week: St. Therese of the Child Jesus (1873-1897)

5- Monthly Career Talk - College Pre	Topics: 3.4 The Communion of Saints Students' Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>) Activity (Think, Pair and Share): Lives of the Saints Pedagogy: Socratic Method Assessment: Formative Test, p. 193
Week 5 (14) Nov 10 to 14 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	UNIT 4: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick Prayer: (Blest are we, p. 199) Saint of the Week: Blessed Virgin Mary Topics: 4.1 God saves us 4.2 Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick Students' Engagement: Watch: <i>Mark 2 Jesus Forgives Sins and Heals a Man Stricken with Palsy The Bible</i>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VW4-wxIB1pA Activity (Think, Pair and Share): When was the last time you have forgiven someone, or you have asked for forgiveness? Explain in the class. Pedagogy: Socratic Method
Week 6 (15) Nov 17 to 21 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Continuation: Prayer: (Blest are we, p. 223) Saint of the Week: St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) Topics: 4.3 Living God's Commandments 4.4 God is Merciful Students' Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>)

	Activity (Think, Pair and Share): If given a chance to write your own 10 commandments, what are those? Pedagogy: Socratic Method
Week 7 (16) Nov 24 to 28 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	UNIT 5: Holy Orders and Matrimony Prayer: (Blest are we, p 256) Saint of the Week: St. Valentine Topics: 5.1 Jesus Establishes His Church 5.2 Holy Orders Students' Engagement: Images, Videos or movie clips about vocations. Activity (Think, Pair and Share): What do you think are the qualities a leader must possess?
<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
Week 8 (17) Dec 1 to 5 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly)	Review of the Topics for the Quarterly Examination: (1) Unit 3: The Eucharist (1.1) God's Word feeds us (1.2) The Eucharist (1.3) The Communion of Saints (1.4) We Pray the Lord's Prayer (2) Unit 4: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	(2.1) God saves us (2.2) Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (2.3) Living God's Commandments (2.4) God is Merciful (3) Unit 5: Holy Orders and Matrimony (3.1) Jesus Establishes His Church (3.2) Matrimony (3.3) Living as Christians (3.4) We Pray for Guidance Students' Engagement: Recitation (<i>Question and Answer</i>) Assessment: Checking of Notes
Week 9 (18) Dec 08 to 12 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	Self-Assessment Student's Department Individual Conference Preparation for the Quarter Exam Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2nd Quarter
December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)	
December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break	

"Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán"

