

Religious Studies 1



Dominican International School Course Syllabus (First Semester) School Year 2026–27



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"Ripple by Ripple, Charity in Action: A Year to Seven Decades"

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Religious Studies fosters the holistic formation of young learners, guiding them to become constructive, God-centered contributors to society. Rooted in Dominican values—love of study, prayer, community, and service—this course nurtures both intellect and spirit.

This class helps children grow in mind and heart so they can become kind, helpful leaders in our world. Following our school's special values—learning, prayer, friendship, and helping others—students discover how to make good choices and care for those around them.

Core Values: Children learn about God's love, honesty, and respect for everyone.

Faith and Reflection: Students explore how to talk to God through simple prayers and quiet reflection.

Making Good Choices: Learners practice making thoughtful, caring decisions every day.

Friendship with Jesus: Students discover that Jesus loves them, invites them to be His friend, and welcomes everyone into His family.

Community and Nature: Children learn to appreciate the wonder of the world around them and practice working together as a loving community.

Throughout the year, students enrich their spiritual lives through prayer, faith formation activities, and communal sharing. They come to experience the beauty and goodness of creation, learn that Jesus desires friendship with each of them, and discover that His kingdom welcomes all.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:



WORD: Hearing God's Love

When we listen to stories from the Bible, we learn that God is talking to us! God invites us to be kind and loving, just like Jesus.

- **God's Plan:** Listening closely to the Bible shows us how God wants us to live.
- **Loving Everyone:** The Bible teaches us to love our families, our school, and our neighbors!
- **Our Goal:** We will practice opening the Bible and reading its wonderful stories every day.



WITNESS: Loving and Helping Others

Jesus showed us how to love, help, and care for everyone around us. As students of a Catholic School, that is our special mission, too!

- **Working Together:** We can pray together, share our toys, and help friends who are in need.
- **Following Jesus:** We open our hearts and show Jesus' love through our kind words, helpful hands, and good behavior!



WORSHIP: Praying and Celebrating

Praying is a special way to talk to God and get closer to Jesus!

- **Praying at Church:** We will learn how to pray together as a school and God's family.
- **Using God's Word:** We can use Bible verses to guide our prayers.
- **Living Our Worship:** We show our love for God not just by praying, but by helping and serving others!

GRADING SYSTEM:

Part 1: Academic (50 %)	
Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects NOTE: Attendance will be included in the RS Grading System.	16.66%
Section B: Quizzes	16.67%
Section C: Major Quarterly Exam/PBL/PETA	16.67%
Part 2: Deportment/Behavior (50 %) STUDENT'S SELF-EVALUATION	
Truthful	19 Points
Organized	19 Points
Reflective	19 Points
Courageous	19 Points
Helpful	19 Points
Total	95 points
Note: <i>The highest possible grade students can obtain every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system. Students are guided on how to self-evaluate their deportment truthfully and reflectively.</i> The Project D (Detention/Infraction) significantly affects students' Deportment Grade.	

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE UTILIZATION OF AI AND GADGETS

Important School Rules to Know! 🌟

Here are some helpful things to remember so we can have a happy, fair, and fun school year together!

Extra School Information

- **Your Special Online Class (Google Classroom):** Your teacher will give you (your parents/guardians) a special secret code to open your computer classroom. That's where you'll find all your Religion activities!
- **No Weekend Homework!** 📌 You get to rest and play on the weekends! The only time you might have homework is before a big quiz or test. Weekends are for spending fun time with your family!
- **Time-Outs Count:** If you break big rules and get a detention (a special time-out), it will hurt your behavior grade. So always try your best to be good!

 **Being Honest with Our Work!**

Being honest means doing your own work and telling the truth!

What is NOT okay?

- **Copying Words or Ideas:** Taking someone else's story or ideas and saying you wrote them.
- **Copying Art:** Using someone else's drawing, picture, or photo and pretending you made it.
- **Having Someone Else Do It:** Having a parent, tutor, or computer (like AI) do your homework for you.
- **Tricking the Teacher:** Doing anything sneaky to get a good grade without doing the work yourself.

 **Remember:** If you copy or trick the teacher, you will get a zero on your work!

 **How to Be a Superstar Student!**

- *Do your own work with your own hands!*
- *Tell your teacher if someone helped you!*
- *Enjoy your family time on the weekends!*

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- Blest Are We (Grade One)
- Faith in Action - RCL Benziger (a Kendall Hunt Company)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1 SY 2026-2027

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (Aug 10 - 14) 11 - General Assembly ~ Gym 13 - Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Welcome back to school, Dominicans! - Overview of the Subject & Meet the Teacher (What is RS?) - Rules and Regulations - Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy - D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos - Basic Prayers - Students' Profile Monday Class Preparation ~ Student Holiday Tuesday Morning Assembly Practice for the Mass Review: Parts of the Mass Friday Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady 8:00
Week 2 (Aug 17 - 21) 21 - Club Orientation & Sign-up	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation Patron Saint of DIS – St. Dominic - Introduction of the School's Patron Saint - Life of the Class Saint – Bl. Mannes de Guzman / Bl. Diana Activity: Class collaborative poster about their class's Saint
Week 3 (Aug 24 - 28) 28 - First Club Meeting	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church - Everyone belongs to a Family. (Isaiah 43:1) Activity: In My Neighborhood (Activities & Projects) -1a) Scripture: The Good Shepherd (John 10:2-14) - We Follow Jesus Activity: The Good Shepherd (Jesus is the Shepherd and we are the sheep).
Week 4 (Aug 31 - Sept 4) 31 - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation ~	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church Scripture: Following Jesus (John 13:33-35) - Our Church Teaches – We are a community in the Catholic Church - One Sunday Morning – Things that Catholics do - Read the book <i>Swimmy</i> by Leo Lionni – Learning: How

Assembly 4 - House Ceremony	Jesus Leads Us • The Sign of the Cross • Chapter 1 Review (pp. 31-32)
Week 5 (Sept 7 - 11) 7 - Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 9 - House Mini Games Start	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass • Catholics gather in church (Matthew 18:20) • Activity: In My Church • Worship: We Gather Together • The Greeting at Mass • Scripture: Jesus is with Us (Matthew 18:20) • Our Catholic community - Parish
Week 6 (Sept 14 - 18) 15 - Catholic Bridge Program: New Students 19 - Athletics / Sports Orientation	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church & Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass • Objects inside a Catholic church • Taking a Church Tour / Virtual Tour • Practice for the Mass • Review: Parts of the Mass • Chapter 2 Review • Chapter 1 and 2 Assessment
Week 7 (Sept 21 - 25) 21 - Teacher's Day Celebration 22 to 24 - Pre-Exam Days	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 3: God's Word Teaches Us • Scripture: Listening to God's word (Luke 11:28) • Activity: Listen and Learn (Activities & Projects - 3a) • Learning in many ways • A Man Learns About God (Apostles 8:26-39) • The Storm at Sea (Luke 8: 22-25) • The Bible is the written Word of God • Saint Augustine • Chapter Review 3 Unit 1 Review for Quarter Exam
Sept. 25 & 28	<i>Moon Festival & Confucius Day Holidays</i>
Week 8 (Sept. 28 - Oct 2) Oct. 1 & 2 – Q1 Exams	Religious Studies 1 First Quarter Exam Monday Confucius' Birthday ~ Public Holiday Tuesday RS Exam Day 10 Page

	Wednesday No Class with the First Graders Thursday Major Exams Day 1 Friday Major Exams Day 2
Week 9 (Oct 5 - 8)	Oct 5 - Record Day Oct 6 to 8 - Teachers' Conference
Oct. 9	Double Ten Holiday

SECOND QUARTER TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) (Oct 12 - 16) 12 - Second Quarter Begins 13 - Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms	Unit 1: Holy Rosary • Mother Mary as an example of love, patience, and obedience • Rosary's mysteries • Activity: Holy Rosary Collaborative poster • Reflection on the Holy Rosary as a way of life
Week 2 (11) (Oct 19 - 23)	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 5: God is Our Loving Father • God made all things • Activity: Gifts from Our Loving Father (Activities & Projects -5a) & Nature Walk • Scripture: Good Creates the World (The Book of Genesis) • God's Wonderful World • Activity: Creation Spinner
Oct. 26	Retrocession Day ~ Public Holiday
Week 3 (12) (Oct 27 - 30) 30 – Autumn & Book Fair	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good • Scripture: Saul Changes His Life (Apostles 9: 1 -20) • Our Church Teaches • Saint Paula Frassinetti • Practicing Good Choices

	Chapter Review 5 Monday Retrocession Day ~ Public Holiday
Week 4 (13) (Nov 2 - 6) 2 – All Souls’ Day Mass ~ Monday Assembly	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 6: Baptism is a Wonderful Gift Rite of Baptism: The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. - Welcoming People - Baptism Welcomes Us (Rite of Baptism 111,124) - Sacrament of Baptism - Baptism takes away our sins
Week 5 (14) (Nov 9 - 13) Launch of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month, Health Week	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 6: Baptism is a Wonderful Gift Rite of Baptism: The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. - Baptism Rite - Grace a gift of God’s life - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - Ways to follow Jesus - Chapter 6 Review & Assessment
Week 6 (15) (Nov 16 - 20) 20 - Young Shakespeare Plays	Unit 3: God’s Son, Jesus – Ch. 9: Jesus is God’s Son Scripture: The Good News (Luke 1: 26-38) - Sharing the Good News Activity: Sharing Good News (Activities & Projects - 9a) - Mary Said Yes Activity: Saying Yes to God
Week 7 (16) (Nov 23 - 27) 23 - Peace Pole Day ~ Assembly, Lighting of Christmas Tree (pm) 24~26 - Pre-Exam Days 26 - Thanksgiving Family Day Thanksgiving Potluck (Faculty)	Unit 3: God’s Son, Jesus –Ch. 9: Jesus is God’s Son Scripture: Jesus is Born (Luke 1:26-38) - Our Church Teaches - Jesus is our Savior - Telling the Good News of Jesus’ Birth - A good news Echo Prayer - Chapter 9 Review
Week 8 (17) Q3 W1 (Nov 30 - Dec 4)	10 Page REVIEW AND EXAM WEEK

1 - 1st Week of Advent: Lighting of 1st Advent Candle ~ Assembly House Unity dress up Wk	
Week 9 (18) Q3 W2 (Dec 7 - 11) 2 nd Week of Advent 8 - Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony & Christmas Fair 10 & 11 – Q2 Exams	<i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i> <i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2nd Quarter</i> Tuesday Foundation Day Mass 9:00, Cutting of the Cake Ceremony, Christmas Fair, (Whole day) Thursday Major Final Exams half day Friday Major Final Exams half day
Dec 12 to Jan 3	Christmas Break