



# *Dominican International School*

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## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS**

**GRADE LEVEL: 1**

**SCHOOL YEAR: 2024-2025**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Religious Studies provides an integral formation for the RS 1 students to become a valuable and constructive member of society by offering God-centered education and inculcating the Dominican ideals: love of study, prayer, community, and service to others.

The first graders embark on an exciting journey where students will understand and practice Universal and Christian values. They will reflect spiritually, think ethically, make good decisions and grow in faith. We seek for students to develop deep knowledge, understanding and skills to grow according to God's will in the world around them.

Throughout the course students will enrich and nurture their spiritual development through prayer, faith formation and social sharing activities. Students will see and learn the beauty and goodness of creation, understand that Jesus wants to be their friend and that he welcomes everyone into his kingdom.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS: (SWBAT) Students will be able to:**

**WORD:** Through the Sacred Scripture's immersion, RS1 students will understand that God speaks and invites them to be more like Jesus. It will help them discover that listening carefully to the Scripture readings keep them in touch with God and his plan for their lives. They will be able to identify that everything that surrounds them (family, school and communities) will be impacted and lead them to develop a meaningful connection and love with one another. The Bible will help them have a deep understanding about Jesus and his followers.

**WITNESS:** RS 1 students will understand that the mission of Christians is to help, love and serve others. They will realize how Church members care for one another, pray together, share, and help those in need. Through Jesus’ examples, they learn how to act like the first Christians, open their hearts and minds of those around them to Christ. They will demonstrate by words, actions and behavior what they experienced by reaching out to others and bringing them closer to Christ.

**WORSHIP:** Enhancing faith formation will be reflected in worship for our students. RS 1 students will come to a fuller understanding of the Church’s liturgy and enable them to participate more fully in it through different kinds of prayers, including some of the prayers prayed by the worshiping assembly during the liturgy. Students will experience praying with God’s word as a way of getting closer to Jesus and worship him by loving and serving others.

**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**      *02- Bl. Jane of Aza*  
                     *08- St. Dominic de Guzman*  
                     *14- St. Dominic Ibañez*  
                     *17- St. Hyacinth of Poland*  
                     *18- Bl. Mannes de Guzman*  
                     *23- Rose of Lima*

**September**      *18- St. John Macias*  
                             *20- St. Francis Posadas*  
                             *28- St. Lawrence Ruiz*

<b>October</b>	09- <i>St. Louis Bertrand</i>
<b>November</b>	03- <i>St. Martin de Porres</i> 15- <i>St. Albert the Great</i> 22- <i>Bl. Cecilia</i>
<b>December</b>	01- <i>Bl. John Vercelli</i> <i>The Holy Family</i>
<b>January</b>	07- <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort</i> 18- <i>St. Margaret of Hungary</i>
<b>February</b>	13- <i>Bl. Jordan of Saxony</i>
<b>March</b>	07- <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
<b>April</b>	05- <i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i> 06/29- <i>St. Peter of Verona</i> 20- <i>St. Agnes of Montepulciano</i> 29/30- <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> 30- <i>St. Pius V</i>
<b>May</b>	10- <i>St. Anthony of Florence</i> 12- <i>Bl. Imelda Lambertini</i> 20- <i>Bl. Columba of Rieti</i>
<b>Others</b>	June 09- <i>Bl. Diana</i> July 17- <i>Bl. Ceslaus</i>

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

**Truthful:**

- *are guided by the Gospel and universal values;*
- *center their lives on God's teachings;*
- *show respect to all.*

**Organized:**

- *set goals and pursue them to fruition;*
- *maintain a balance between a healthy body, mind and spirit;*
- *engage responsibly with the world, through a variety of resources.*

**Reflective:**

- *contemplate their strengths and weaknesses;*

- *aim to respond, rather than to react;*
- *determine patterns, make connections, and think critically.*

**Courageous:**

- *are open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives;*
- *are willing to take risks and graciously accept results;*
- *communicate effectively.*

**Helpful:**

- *evaluate all decisions in light of the common good.*
- *are compassionate and caring;*
- *respect and care for the environment.*

**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: Department/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 Department is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system. Students are guided how to do department self-evaluation truthfully and reflectively.*

**PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES**

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

**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
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 1</b> <b>Aug 12 to 16</b></p> <p><i>10 - First Day / Orientation Day</i> <i>14-St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr</i> <i>15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders:</b> <i>STUCO, DYM, and House Captains</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Welcome back to school, Dominicans!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 12: School's Opening and General Orientation Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the Subject (What is RS? Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements)</li> <li>• Grading system (See the syllabus.)</li> <li>• Rules and Regulations</li> <li>• Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy</li> <li>• D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 15: Opening Mass</b></p>

	<i>Assumption of Our Lady</i>
<p><b>Week 2</b> <b>Aug 19 to 23</b></p> <p><i>17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland</i> <i>18- Blessed Mannes</i> <i>21- St. Pius X, Pope</i> <i>22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>23- Saint Rose of Lima</i> <i>24- St. Bartholomew, apostle</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: STUCO</b></p>	<p><b>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Basic Prayers</li> <li>● Students' Profile</li> <li>● Practice for the Mass</li> <li>● Review: Parts of the Mass</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Patron Saint of DIS – St. Dominic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction of the School's Patron Saint</li> <li>● Life of the Class Saint – Bl. Mannes de Guzman / Bl. Diana</li> <li>● <b>Activity:</b> Class collaborative poster about their class's Saint</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 3</b> <b>Aug 26 to 30</b></p> <p><i>27- St. Monica</i> <i>28- St. Augustine</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: DYM</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Everyone belongs to a Family.</li> <li>▪ <b>Activity:</b> In My Neighborhood</li> <li>▪ <b>Scripture:</b> The Good Shepherd (John 10:2-14)</li> <li>▪ We Follow Jesus</li> <li>▪ <b>Activity:</b> The Good Shepherd (Jesus is the Shepherd and we are the sheep).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>August 26: St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration</b></i></p>
<p><b>Week 4</b> <b>Sept 2 to 6</b></p> <p><i>03-St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: House Captains</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Scripture:</b> Following Jesus (John 13:33-35)</li> <li>▪ Our Church Teaches – We are a community in the Catholic Church</li> <li>▪ One Sunday Morning – Things that Catholics do</li> <li>▪ Read the book <i>Swimmy</i> by Leo Lionni – Learning: How Jesus Leads Us</li> <li>▪ Chapter 1 Review</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 5</b> <b>Sept 9 to 13</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Catholics gather in church</li> </ul>

<p><i>05-Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors</i>  <i>11- St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Activity:</b> In My Church</li> <li>▪ <b>Worship:</b> We Gather Together</li> <li>▪ The Greeting</li> <li>▪ <b>Scripture:</b> Jesus is with Us (Matthew 18:20)</li> <li>▪ Our Church Teaches</li> </ul> <p><i>Sept 09-Holy Mass &amp; VIP Induction &amp; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>
<p><b>Week 6</b>  <b>Sep 16 to 20</b></p> <p><i>14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>  <i>15-Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12</p>	<p><b>Sept 17-Moon Festival</b></p> <p><b>Sept 18-20 Annual Teachers Conference</b>  <i>(No classes for students)</i></p>
<p><b>Week 7</b>  <b>Sep 23<sup>to</sup> 27</b></p> <p><i>18- Saint Juan Macias</i>  <i>21- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist</i>  <i>28-Saint Dominic Ibanez, Friar and Priest,</i>  <i>Saint James Kyushei Tomonaga, Friar and Priest,</i>  <i>Saint Lawrence Ruiz, Layman</i>  <i>And Companions, Members of the Dominican Family, Martyrs of Nagasaki, Japan</i>  <i>29-Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</p>	<p><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Objects of a Catholic church</li> <li>▪ Taking a Church Tour / Virtual Tour</li> <li>▪ Practice for the Mass</li> <li>▪ Review: Parts of the Mass</li> <li>▪ Chapter 2 Review</li> </ul> <p><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus’ Church &amp; Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chapter 1 and 2 Assessment</li> </ul> <p><b>Sept 24-26, Pre -Exam Days</b></p>
<p><b>Week 8</b>  <b>Sep 30 to October 4</b></p> <p><i>30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</p>	<p><b>Self-Assessment Student’s Department</b></p> <p><b>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</b></p> <p><b>Completion of the Subject’s Requirements for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b></p>

<b>Week 9</b> <b>Oct 7 to 12</b>	<p><i>Oct 07- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 8 and 9 First Quarter Exam Record Day</b></p> <p><i>Oct 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday (No Classes)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5-6 First Quarter Exam</b></p> <p><i>04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi</i></p> <p><i>05-Blessed Raymond of Capua</i></p> <p><i>06-Blessed Bartolo Longo</i></p> <p><i>07-Our Lady of the Rosary</i></p> <p><i>09-Saint Luis Bertran</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 10</i></p>	

## Second QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 1 (10)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 14 to 18</b></p> <p><i>12-Our Lady of Pillar</i></p> <p><i>13-St. Theophilus</i></p> <p><i>15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 10</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 3</b> <b>God’s Word Teaches Us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Learning in many ways</li> <li>▪ <b>Activity:</b> Bodily – Kinesthetic Activity</li> <li>▪ <b>Scripture:</b> A Man Learns About God (Apostles 8:26-39)</li> <li>▪ Learning About God - The Bible is the written Word of God.</li> </ul> <p><i>Oct 15-30 Mother Mary's visit to the offices during the regular morning prayer</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 2 (11)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 21 to 25</b></p> <p><i>22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i></p> <p><i>22-St. John Paul II, Pope</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 10</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 3</b> <b>God’s Word Teaches Us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Activity:</b> Retelling Favorite Bible Stories</li> <li>▪ <b>Scripture:</b> The Storm at Sea (Luke 8: 22-25)</li> <li>▪ Our Church Teaches – God speaks to us through the Bible (Saint Augustine)</li> <li>▪ Chapter 3 Review and Assessment</li> </ul> <p><i>Oct 25 to Nov 1 Marian Exhibit: Young Saints who were devoted their lives to the Holy Rosary</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 3 (12)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 28 to Nov 1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 5: God is Our Loving Father</b></p>



<p><i>28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles</i>  <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></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God made all things</li> <li>• <b>Activity:</b> Nature Walk</li> <li>• <b>Scripture:</b> Good Creates the World (The Book of Genesis)</li> <li>• God's Wonderful World</li> <li>• <b>Activity:</b> Creation Spinner</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nov 1- All Saints Day Mass</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican Profession</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 4 (13)</b>  <b>Nov 4 to 8</b></p> <p><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 of the Spanish Persecutions of the XX Century</i>  <i>07- All Saints of the Order of Preachers</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 5: God is Our Loving Father</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scripture:</b> God Creates People (Genesis 1:26-31,2:3)</li> <li>• Our Church Teaches</li> <li>• <b>Activity:</b> Making Models of Creation</li> <li>• Caring for Creation</li> <li>• <b>Activity:</b> Gifts from Our Loving Father and God Our Creator</li> <li>• Chapter 5 Review</li> <li>• Ch. 3 and Ch. 5 Assessment</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 5 (14)</b>  <b>Nov 11 to 15</b></p> <p><i>9- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>  <i>10-St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor</i>  <i>11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>  <i>13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i>  <i>15- Saint Albert the Great</i>  <i>16-St. Margaret of Scotland, queen</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 7: Loving God and Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children, let us love one another.</li> <li>• <b>Activity:</b> Playing a Riddle Game</li> <li>• We Can Show Our Love (7a)</li> <li>• <b>Scripture:</b> A Man Questions Jesus (Luke 10:25-28)</li> <li>• Why God Made Us</li> </ul>

<p><i>St. Gertrude, virgin</i>  <i>17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 8</i></p>	
<p><b>Week 6 (15)</b>  <b>Nov 18 to 22</b></p> <p><i>18- Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles</i>  <i>21- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 8</i></p>	<p><b>Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 7: Loving God and Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</li> <li>● Our Church Teaches (God made us to be good and holy)</li> <li>● A Holy Man Named Peter</li> <li>● Chapter 7 Review</li> <li>● Ch. 7 Assessment</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Nov 22 and 25- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam</i></b></p>
<p><b>Week 7 (16)</b>  <b>Nov 25 to 29</b></p> <p><i>25-Saint Ignatius Delgado, Friar and Bishop</i>  <i>Saint Vincent Liem De La Paz, Friar and Priest</i>  <i>Saint Dominic Pham Trong An Kham, Lay Dominican And Companions</i>  <i>Martyrs of Vietnam</i>  <i>30-St. Andrew, apostle</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 7</i></p>	<p><b>Unit 3: God’s Son, Jesus – Ch. 9: Jesus is God’s Son</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Good News</li> <li>● <b>Scripture:</b> The Good News (Luke 1: 26-38)</li> <li>● Mary Said Yes</li> <li>● <b>Activity:</b> Saying Yes to God</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Nov 25- Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck after school (Teachers and staff)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Nov 26 to 28 Pre-Exam Days</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Nov 28 House Family Fun Run</i></b></p>
<p><b>Week 8 (17)</b>  <b>Dec 2 to 6</b></p> <p><i>03-St. Francis Xavier</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 7</i></p>	<p><b>Unit 3: God’s Son, Jesus – Ch. 9: Jesus is God’s Son</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Scripture:</b> Jesus is Born</li> <li>● Our Church Teaches - Jesus is our Savior</li> <li>● Telling the Good News Project</li> <li>● Chapter 9 Review</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Dec 02- First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the afternoon</b></p> <p><b>Dec 06 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, principal Patroness of the Philippines</b></p> <p><b>Advanced DIS 67<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebrations</b></p>
<p><b>Week 9 (18)</b> <b>Dec 09 to 13</b></p> <p><i>07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 6</b></p>	<p><i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i></p> <p><i>Individual Conference</i></p> <p><i>Preparation &amp; Presentation of Project – Based Exam</i></p> <p><i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</i></p> <p><b>Dec 12-13 Second Quarter Exam</b></p> <p><b>Dec 14 to Jan 3 Christmas Holiday begins</b></p>

*“Spes Non Confundit”*  
*“Hope Does Not Disappoint.”*