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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

GRADE LEVEL: 4

SCHOOL YEAR: 2024-2025

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Religious Studies course for Grade Four students is anchored on the three Pillars of the Campus Ministry Department namely: the “Word” for Doctrine, the “Witness” for the valuing and application of the concept learned, and the “Worship” for the celebration of faith. The harmony of these three pillars will help ensure holistic formation of the students.

Grade 4 Religious Studies will embark on an exciting journey where they will understand and practice Universal and Gospel values that are reflected in the D’TORCH values, life of St. Dominic and his mission, magnifying the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ. In addition, students will be challenged to critically think about what they learned and to apply it to their own lives. Students are encouraged to share truthfully with the class their own beliefs and opinions while respecting every individual that they encounter, despite their race, class, sexual orientation, etc. This will be measured through the D’TORCH values (truthful, organized, reflective, courageous, helpful).

Finally, the purpose of this course is to assist the students in their everyday life and challenge them to be the best versions of themselves. The students will be challenged to find their meaning and purpose in life and to courageously live out their heart’s desires. Students are called to never give up, daily seeking to become a better person.

Christian faith and Christian Living are rooted in the person of Jesus Christ and through him the way to God’s Kingdom is attained. In this

course, the supplementary lessons will also be included like Liturgical celebrations and Dominican Saints who are models of values/virtues.

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

WORD:

1. realize that God created the world;
2. learn the Scripture account of creation;
3. understand that God reveals Himself as the Holy Trinity;
4. name special gifts that God has given us;
5. understand that at Mass we give thanks and praise to God, especially for the gift of Jesus;
6. learn the Scripture account of the Last Supper;
7. learn about the life of Pope Pius X;
8. learn the Ten Commandments;
9. learn about the life of St. Teresa of Avila.

WITNESS:

1. describe how we respect and care for God's creation;
2. discuss the importance of keeping promises;
3. recognize that our relationship with God is based on the first three Commandments.

WORSHIP:

1. praise God with a blessing prayer;
2. pray the prayer of praise and thanksgiving;
3. pray a prayer of petition.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND DIFFERENT SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Easter
- Ordinary Time
- Holy Days (Dominican/ Saints' Feasts and Memorials)
- 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- <i>Bl. Jane of Aza</i> 08- <i>St. Dominic de Guzman</i> 14- <i>St. Dominic Ibañez</i> 17- <i>St. Hyacinth of Poland</i> 18- <i>Bl. Mannes de Guzman</i> 23- <i>Rose of Lima</i>
September	18- <i>St. John Macias</i> 20- <i>St. Francis Posadas</i> 28- <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz</i>
October	09- <i>St. Louis Bertrand</i>
November	03- <i>St. Martin de Porres</i> 15- <i>St. Albert the Great</i> 22- <i>Bl. Cecilia</i>
December	01- <i>Bl. John Vercelli</i> <i>The Holy Family</i>
January	07- <i>St. Raymond of Peñafort</i> 18- <i>St. Margaret of Hungary</i>
February	13- <i>Bl. Jordan of Saxony</i>
March	07- <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
April	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>
May	10- <i>St. Anthony of Florence</i> 12- <i>Bl. Imelda Lambertini</i> 20- <i>Bl. Columba of Reiti</i>
Others	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:

50% Academic

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%
Section D: Deportment.....	50%

50 % Deportment (Behavior)

• Truthful.....	19 points
• Organized.....	19 points
• Reflective.....	19 points
• Courageous.....	19 points
• Helpful.....	<u>19 points</u>
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

- Holy Bible for Children (with illustrations)
- Textbook: Blest are We 4: Faith in Action
- USCCB. Alive in Christ. Our Sunday Visitor, 2013;
- The Pontifical Biblical commission. The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible. Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2002.
- Online References:
- https://www.easybib.com/grammar-and-plagiarism/?=bmp_EB.v2.160-600&intcid=wt.EasyBib.EB.v2.160-600&inhousead=EB.v2.160-600
- <https://www.biblegateway.com/>
- <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>
- <https://www.catholic.org/>
- Catechism of the Catholic Church (online)
- <http://blestarewe.com/>
- www.vatican.va
- www.op.org

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 SEMESTER First QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1 Aug 12 to 16</p> <p>10 - First Day / Orientation Day 14-St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <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;">August 12: <i>School's Opening and General Orientation Day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 15: <i>Opening Mass Assumption of Our Lady</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 2 Aug 19 to 23</p> <p>17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland 18- Blessed Mannes 21- St. Pius X, Pope 22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 23- Saint Rose of Lima 24- St. Bartholomew, apostle</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>STUCO</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation</p> <p>A. Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS Teacher's Introduction • Quick students' introduction • Introduction about the Subject (The "what" and the "why" of the subject?) • Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements • Grading system (Academic=50 % and Department=50 %) <p>B. Integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed Rules and Regulations of the class (In the light of the D'TORCH Values) • Students' Profile Form
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 3</p>	<p>C. Revisiting DIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy

<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 26 to 30</p> <p>27- <i>St. Monica</i> 28- <i>St. Augustine</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>DYM</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos • Basic Prayers • Practice for the Mass <p>Review: Parts of the Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 26: <i>St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 2 to 6</p> <p>03-<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>House Captains</i></p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. The Story of Creation c. St. Thomas Teaches about the Trinity <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - show openness and respect to all faith - value the Scripture account of creation <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - formulate their own prayer using the ACTS formula
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 9 to 13</p> <p>05-<i>Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors</i> 11- <i>St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 12</i></p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Chapter 2 – Praise and Thanksgiving c. The Gift of Jesus <p>2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognize the value of unity in prayer - understand that at Mass we give thanks and praise to God, especially for the gift of Jesus <p>3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pray for the intercession of Mother Mary - pray the prayer of praise and thanksgiving <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 09-Holy Mass & VIP Induction & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sep 16 to 20</p> <p>14-<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 15-<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sept 17-Moon Festival</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 18-20 Annual Teachers Conference <i>(No classes for students)</i></p>

<p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 7 Sep 23^{to} 27</p> <p>18- Saint Juan Macias 21- St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist 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</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Chapter 3 – The Ten Commandments c. Understanding the First, Second, and Third Commandments</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - recognize that our relationship with God is based on the first three Commandments</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - praise God for his triumph of the Cross - pray a prayer of petition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 24-26, Pre-Exam Days</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 8 Sep 30 to October 4</p> <p>30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 1st Quarter</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 9 Oct 7 to 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-6 First Quarter Exam</p> <p>04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi 05-Blessed Raymond of Capua 06-Blessed Bartolo Longo 07-Our Lady of the Rosary 09-Saint Luis Bertran</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Oct 07- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oct 8 and 9 First Quarter Exam Record Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Oct 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday (No Classes)</i></p>

Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10

Second QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 1 (10) Oct 14 to 18</p> <p>12-Our Lady of Pillar 13-St. Theophilus 15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Chapter 4 – The Lord’s Prayer c. Praying to Our Father in Heaven</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - discover how prayer leads us toward God’s kingdom - learn how to respond in prayer to the Ten Commandments</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - pray the Lord’s Prayer heartily and piously - pray the Rosary piously</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><i>Oct 15-30 Mother Mary’s visit to the offices during the regular morning prayer</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 2 (11) Oct 21 to 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church 22-St. John Paul II, Pope</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Chapter 5 – Jesus, the Image of God c. The Crucifixion</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - emulate Mary and her acts of kindness - explore ways of following the example of Jesus Christ</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - pray the Holy Rosary</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><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;">Week 3 (12) Oct 28 to Nov 1</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. One in Christ c. All Saints and All Souls Day</p>

<p>28- <i>Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles</i> 01- <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i> 02- <i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)</i> 03- <i>Saint Martin de Porres</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</p>	<p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be motivated by the life of all the saints in heaven - understand our call to live Christian lives</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - pray to all the saints in heaven</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov 1- All Saints' Day Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican Profession</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 4 (13) Nov 4 to 8</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> 07- <i>All Saints of the Order of Preachers</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Jesus is God's Divine Son c. The Holy Rosary</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be inspired by the life of Christ in praying the Rosary - discuss how role models influence us</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - devote one hour of prayer to St. John Paul II - pray a prayer of reflection</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 5 (14) Nov 11 to 15</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Chapter 6 – Baptism in Christ c. The Sacrament of Baptism</p>

<p>9- <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 10- <i>St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor</i> 11- <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> 13- <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i> 15- <i>Saint Albert the Great</i> 16- <i>St. Margaret of Scotland, queen</i> <i>St. Gertrude, virgin</i> 17- <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8</p>	<p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be open to God’s instructions/plans in your life - realize the significance of the gift of Baptism</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - be an active participant during the Holy Rosary Mass</p>
<p>Week 6 (15) Nov 18 to 22</p> <p>18- <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles</i> 21- <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8</p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Chapter 6 – Baptism in Christ c. The Sacrament of Baptism</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be open to God’s instructions/plans in your life - realize the significance of the gift of Baptism</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - be an active participant during the Holy Rosary Mass</p> <p>Nov 22 and 25- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam</p>
<p>Week 7 (16) Nov 25 to 29</p> <p>25- <i>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> 30- <i>St. Andrew, apostle</i></p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Group Project: Recycled Christmas Decorations (Planning Stage)</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - be creative in planning for their Group Project</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - worship God through offering an hour each day to read the Bible</p> <p>Nov 25- Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck after school (Teachers and staff)</p>

<p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 7</i></p>	<p><i>Nov 26 to 28 Pre-Exam Days</i></p> <p><i>Nov 28 House Family Fun Run</i></p>
<p>Week 8 (17) Dec 2 to 6</p> <p><i>03-St. Francis Xavier</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 7</i></p>	<p>1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Lectio Divina (Gospel Reflection) b. Group Project: Recycled Christmas Decorations (Creating Stage)</p> <p>2. WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): - exhibit collaboration and teamwork in creating their Group Project</p> <p>3. WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - revere God through inviting someone to go to Church to celebrate Christ the King</p> <p>Dec 02- First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the afternoon Dec 06 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, principal Patroness of the Philippines Advanced DIS 67th Foundation Day Celebrations</p>
<p>Week 9 (18) Dec 09 to 13</p> <p><i>07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 6</i></p>	<p><i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i></p> <p><i>Individual Conference</i></p> <p><i>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</i></p> <p><i>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2nd Quarter</i></p> <p>Dec 12-13 Second Quarter Exam Dec 14 to Jan 3 Christmas Holiday begins</p>

"Spes Non Confundit"
"Hope Does Not Disappoint."

