



# Dominican International School

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

**GRADE LEVEL:** Pre-Kindergarten

**SCHOOL YEAR:** 2024-2025

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

*Welcome to Religious Studies!*

Religious Studies for kindergartners will engage them to learn and experience God's love through simple reflections from the stories of Jesus Christ, as well as inspiring anecdotes of the Dominican Saints and Blessed. This learning experience will help them to find meaning and relevance in their lives. The kindergartners will be able to explore, in an age-appropriate way, the living tradition of our Catholic faith and Dominican tradition. They will discover different ways to develop the Dominican Pillars--Study (Truth), Prayer (Joy), Community (Justice), and Service (Compassion). They will also experience how to celebrate God's goodness in a variety of ways like music and song, acting, drawing and painting.

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

**WORD:**

- illustrate that Scripture teaches us about the person of Jesus and what following Jesus and living the Good News means;
- value, respect, and love all God's creation;
- experience prayer with the integration of different mediums like arts, music, art, and drama.

**WITNESS:**

- see the goodness of God through His creation;
- affirm that the beauty God's creation exists everywhere;
- communicate that we are made in God's image and likeness.

- get familiar with the D'TORCH Values as guiding their principles to live a life in a Dominican way.

**WORSHIP:**

- demonstrate how to do the signing of the cross and basic prayers;
- sing and praise to God as our loving and creative Creator;
- get familiar with the celebration of the Mass;

**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- 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

**October**      09- St. Louis Bertrand

**November**      03- St. Martin de Porres  
                             15- St. Albert the Great  
                             22- Bl. Cecilia

<b>December</b>	<i>01- Bl. John Vercelli The Holy Family</i>
<b>January</b>	<i>07- St. Raymond of Peñafort 18- St. Margaret of Hungary</i>
<b>February</b>	<i>13- Bl. Jordan of Saxony</i>
<b>March</b>	<i>07- St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
<b>April</b>	<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>
<b>May</b>	<i>10- St. Anthony of Florence 12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini 20- Bl. Columba of Reiti</i>
<b>Others</b>	<i>June 09- Bl. Diana July 17- 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%
<b>NOTE: Attendance will be included in the RS grading system.</b>	
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>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>95 points</b>

*Note: The highest possible grade students can get every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system.*

**PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES**

- Blest are we.

**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 Deportment 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;"><b>Week 1</b> <b>Aug 12 to 16</b></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><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: STUCO, DYM, and House Captains</b></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>August 15: Opening Mass Assumption of Our Lady</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 2</b> <b>Aug 19 to 23</b></p> <p>17-Saint Hyacinth of Poland 18- Blessed Mannes 21- St. Pius X, Pope 22-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation</b></p> <p><b>A. Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RS Teacher's Introduction</li> <li>• Quick students' introduction</li> <li>• Introduction about the Subject (The "what" and the "why" of the subject?)</li> <li>• Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements</li> </ul>

<p>23- <i>Saint Rose of Lima</i> 24- <i>St. Bartholomew, apostle</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders:</b> <i>STUCO</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grading system (Academic=50 % and Department=50 %)</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Integration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed Rules and Regulations of the class (In the light of the D'TORCH Values)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 3</b> <b>Aug 26 to 30</b></p> <p>27- <i>St. Monica</i> 28- <i>St. Augustine</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders:</b> <i>DYM</i></p>	<p><b>C. Revisiting DIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy</li> <li>• D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos</li> <li>• Basic Prayers</li> <li>• D'TORCH Hymn</li> </ul> <p><b>August 26: <i>St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration</i></b></p>
<p><b>Week 4</b> <b>Sept 2 to 6</b></p> <p>03-<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders:</b> <i>House Captains</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we start a prayer? (Sign of the cross)</li> <li>• Introduce the Basic Prayers (The Lord's Prayer)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 5</b> <b>Sept 9 to 13</b></p> <p>05-<i>Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors</i> 11- <i>St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders:</b> <i>RS 12</i></p>	<p><b>Sept 09-<i>Holy Mass &amp; VIP Induction &amp; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b></p> <p>Introduce the Basic Prayers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Hail Mary</li> <li>- Glory be</li> <li>- Prayer before meals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 6</b> <b>Sep 16 to 20</b></p> <p>14-<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i></p>	<p><b>Sept 17-<i>Moon Festival</i></b></p> <p><b>Sept 18-20 <i>Annual Teacher's Conference (No classes for students)</i></b></p>

<p>15-Our Lady of Sorrows</p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12</b></p>	
<p><b>Week 7</b> <b>Sep 23<sup>to</sup> 27</b></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><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</b></p>	<p><b>Sept 24-26, Pre-Exam Days</b></p> <p>Unit 1: God creates the world. Chapter 2: God creates the animals. Lesson 1: God loves all the animals. Lesson 2 : God gives us animals to love.</p>
<p><b>Week 8</b> <b>Sep 30 to October 4</b></p> <p>30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor</p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</b></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> <p>Unit 1: God creates the world Chapter 3: God creates People Lesson 1: God loves us Lesson 2 : People show love</p>
<p><b>Week 9</b> <b>Oct 7 to 12</b></p> <p><b>5-6 First Quarter Exam</b></p> <p>04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi 05-Blessed Raymond of Capua 06-Blessed Bartolo Longo</p>	<p><b>Oct 07- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary</b></p> <p><b>Oct 8 and 9 First Quarter Exam Record Day</b></p> <p><b>Oct 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday (No Classes)</b></p>

<p>07-Our Lady of the Rosary 09-Saint Luis Bertran</p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</b></p>	
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## Second QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
<p><b>Week 1 (10)</b> <b>Oct 14 to 18</b></p> <p>12-Our Lady of Pillar 13-St. Theophilus 15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor <b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 15-30 Mother Mary's visit to the offices during the regular morning prayer</b></p> <p>Introduce and Explain the DTORCH values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflective</li> <li>- Courageous</li> <li>- Helpful</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 2 (11)</b> <b>Oct 21 to 25</b></p> <p>22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church 22-St. John Paul II, Pope <b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</b></p>	<p><b>Oct 25 to Nov 1 Marian Exhibit: Young Saints who were devoted their lives to the Holy Rosary</b></p> <p>Song practice -D'TORCH song</p>
<p><b>Week 3 (12)</b> <b>Oct 28 to Nov 1</b></p> <p>28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles 01- Solemnity of All Saints 02-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) 03-Saint Martin de Porres</p>	<p><b>Nov 1- All Saint's Day Mass</b></p> <p><b>Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican Profession</b></p> <p>Lesson 1: God's Creation Lesson 2 : God's creation craft</p>



<p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 4 (13) Nov 4 to 8</b></p> <p><i>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 07- All Saints of the Order of Preachers</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</b></p>	<p>Lesson 1: A big big boat for a big big flood Lesson 2 : Noah’s Ark Craft</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 5 (14) Nov 11 to 15</b></p> <p><i>9- 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 15- Saint Albert the Great 16-St. Margaret of Scotland, queen St. Gertrude, virgin 17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8</b></p>	<p>Lesson 1: A boy, a Giant and an Almighty God Lesson 2 : David and Giant Craft</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><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><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Nov 22 and 25- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam</i></b> <b><i>Unit 3: God gives us loving people</i></b></p> <p>Lesson 1: Safe in Lion's Den Lesson 2: Lion's Craft</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><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><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Nov 25- Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck after school (Teachers and staff)</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Nov 26 to 28 Pre-Exam Days</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Nov 28 House Family Fun Run</i></b></p> <p>Lesson 1: We give thanks - The Thanksgiving Story Lesson 2 : Introducing Advent Advent wreath</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 8 (17)</b> <b>Dec 2 to 6</b></p> <p><i>03-St. Francis Xavier</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Dec 02- First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the afternoon</i></b> <b><i>Dec 06 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, principal Patroness of the Philippines</i></b> <b><i>Advanced DIS 67<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebrations</i></b></p> <p><b>Lesson 1 : We celebrate Christmas</b> <b>- Christmas ornaments</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 9 (18)</b> <b>Dec 09 to 13</b></p> <p><i>07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Self-Assessment Student's Department</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Individual Conference</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</i></p>

**Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 6**

*Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*

**Dec 12-13 Second Quarter Exam**  
**Dec 14 to Jan 3 Christmas Holiday begins**

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