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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

GRADE LEVEL: 2

SCHOOL YEAR: 2024-2025

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The second graders embark on an exciting journey where the students will understand and practice Universal and Christian values. Students will appreciate the beauty and goodness of creation. They will learn about all the good things God has made and begin to see how important it is to thank God for those things.

Students will understand that they were created in the image of God and that they are their beloved child. They will recognize the importance of respecting each other, they would also realize that they are part of a class and a school community. Students will start building a meaning of their world by asking questions, being creative and exploring their curiosity, as they interact with others.

The aim of the subject is anchored on the mission of the school: Exists to provide a GOD-CENTERED EDUCATION, committed to create critical thinkers who will be valuable and constructive members of a pluralistic society. We promote and support parents' role as the first teachers and work mutually with them to realize our goals.

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

WORD: Through the Sacred Scripture's immersion, RS2 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 2 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	<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 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*

December 01- *Bl. John Vercelli*
The Holy Family

January 07- *St. Raymond of Peñafort*
18- *St. Margaret of Hungary*

February 13- *Bl. Jordan of Saxony*

March 07- *St. Thomas Aquinas*

April 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*

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.

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 Two)
- 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
Week 1 Aug 12 to 16 <i>10 - First Day / Orientation Day</i>	<i>Welcome back to school, Dominicans!</i> <i>August 12: School's Opening and General Orientation Day</i>

<p>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>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Subject (What is RS? Course contents for the whole quarter and subject's requirements) • Grading system (See the syllabus.) • Rules and Regulations • Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy • D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos <p>August 15: Opening Mass Assumption of Our Lady</p>
<p>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>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Prayers • Students' Profile • Practice for the Mass • Review: Parts of the Mass <p>Patron Saint of DIS – St. Dominic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of the School's Patron Saint ▪ Life of the Class Saint – Bl. Cecilia / St. John Macias ▪ Activity: Class collaborative poster about their class's Saint
<p>Week 3 Aug 26 to 30</p> <p>27- St. Monica 28- St. Augustine</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>DYM</i></p>	<p>Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 1: Our Church Welcomes Us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore communities • Activity: Community Actions • Scripture: A warm welcome (Luke 5: 27 - 29) • God's People • Bodily/Kinesthetic: Practicing Hospitality Skills <p>August 26: St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration</p>
<p>Week 4 Sept 2 to 6</p> <p>03-St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</p>	<p>Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 1: Our Church Welcomes Us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripture: The People of God (Corinthians 12:12 -27) • Our Church Teaches

<p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>House Captains</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Neighbors • Activity: Caring for Others • Chapter Review 1
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 5 Sept 9 to 13</p> <p><i>05-Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and benefactors</i> <i>11- St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 12</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 3: Our Church Shows Us How to Live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify heroes in the world • Activity: Honoring Heroes • Scripture: The Real Hero (Luke 10:29 - 35) • Saints as Heroes • Activity: The Good Samaritan • Mary and Other Saints <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sept 09-Holy Mass & VIP Induction & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 6 Sep 16 to 20</p> <p><i>14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> <i>15-Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 12</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 3: Our Church Shows Us How to Live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Review 3 • Assessment for Ch. 1 & 3 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sept 17-Moon Festival</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sept 18-20 Annual Teachers Conference (No classes for students)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week 7 Sept 23^{to} 27</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 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: <i>RS 11</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 4: We Praise and Thank God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>King David Gives Thanks</i> • <i>The Songs of King David</i> • <i>Glory to God Song</i> • <i>A Prayer of Praise and Thanks</i> • Chapter Review 4 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sept 24-26, Pre-Exam Days</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Week 8 Sep 30 to October 4</p> <p><i>30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor</i></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><i>04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi</i> <i>05-Blessed Raymond of Capua</i> <i>06-Blessed Bartolo Longo</i> <i>07-Our Lady of the Rosary</i> <i>09-Saint Luis Bertran</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</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>

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><i>12-Our Lady of Pillar</i> <i>13-St. Theophilus</i> <i>15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choosing Good ● Activity: A Game of Choices ● Scripture: The Forgiving Father (Luke 15: 11-24) ● Knowing Right from Wrong ● Activity: Making Choices <p style="text-align: center;">Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scripture: Saul Changes His Life (Apostles 9: 1 -20) ● Our Church Teaches ● Saint Paula Frassinetti ● Practicing Good Choices ● Chapter Review 5

	<p><i>Oct 15-30 Mother Mary's visit to the offices during the regular morning prayer</i></p>
<p>Week 2 (11) Oct 21 to 25</p> <p><i>22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i> <i>22-St. John Paul II, Pope</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</p>	<p>Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of Reconciliation • Activity: Making Up • Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation • A Sacrament of Healing <p><i>Oct 25 to Nov 1 Marian Exhibit: Young Saints who were devoted their lives to the Holy Rosary</i></p>
<p>Week 3 (12) Oct 28 to Nov 1</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>	<p>Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scripture: Jesus Forgives (Luke 7:36-38, 47-50) • Our Church Teaches • A Time to Ask for Forgiveness • Activity: Celebrating God's Forgiveness • Chapter Review 6 <p><i>Nov 1- All Saints Day Mass</i></p> <p><i>Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican Profession</i></p>
<p>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</i></p>	<p>Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good & Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. 5 and Ch. 6 Assessment <p>Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 7 We Think About Our Choices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the concept of responsibility • Activity: How I Was Responsible • Scripture: The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 1-17) • We Follow God's Laws

<p><i>Spanish Persecutions of the XX Century</i> <i>07- All Saints of the Order of Preachers</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 9</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creating Rules for Harmony
<p>Week 5 (14) Nov 11 to 15</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> <i>St. Gertrude, virgin</i> <i>17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i></p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 8</i></p>	<p>Unit 2: We Ask God’s Forgiveness – Ch. 7 We Think About Our Choices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Story: The Birthday Party ● Our Church Teaches ● An Examination of Conscience ● Activity: Follow the Stone Path ● Chapter 7 Review
<p>Week 6 (15) Nov 18 to 22</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>Unit 2: We Ask God’s Forgiveness – Ch. 8: We Say We Are Sorry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explore Ways of Saying “I’m sorry” ● Activity: Saying “I’m Sorry” ● Scripture: Return to God! (Matthew 3: 1-8) ● Returning to God ● Activity: Making a Contrition Creation <p><i>Nov 22 and 25- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam</i></p>
<p>Week 7 (16) Nov 25 to 29</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></p>	<p>Unit 2: We Ask God’s Forgiveness – Ch. 8: We Say We Are Sorry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grace and Maddy Make Up ● Our Church Teaches ● A Penance Service

<p>30-St. Andrew, apostle</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Act of Contrition • Activity: Act of Contrition • Chapter Review 8 <p>Nov 25- Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck after school (Teachers and staff)</p> <p>Nov 26 to 28 Pre-Exam Days</p> <p>Nov 28 House Family Fun Run</p>
<p>Week 8 (17) Dec 2 to 6</p> <p>03-St. Francis Xavier</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch. 7 and Ch. 8 Assessments • Advent and Christmas Preparation • Class Christmas' decoration <p>Dec 02- First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the Christmas Tree in the afternoon</p> <p>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>07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor</p> <p>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 6</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</p> <p>Dec 14 to Jan 3 Christmas Holiday begins</p>

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

