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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

GRADE LEVEL: Grade 3 SCHOOL YEAR: 2024-2025 TEACHER: Mr. John Erick S. Moje, M.A. Ed., LPT EMAIL: jmoje@dishs.tp.edu.tw

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Religious Studies aims to develop integral formation among students in order to become valuable and constructive members of society by offering God-centered education and inculcating the Dominican ideals: love of study, prayer, community, and service to others. Thus, it provides an opportunity for students to become critical thinkers, responsible and good decision makers, and persons who uphold Christian and universal values.

The third graders embark on an exciting journey where they will understand and practice the D'TORCH Values, Dominican, Universal and Gospel values in the light of Jesus Christ's way of life and loving examples of St. Dominic and his mission.

The course is essentially divided into five units, namely:

- Unit 1 The Church Is One: Our Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ brings us together. As followers of Christ, we are also brought together by the Sacraments, which make our faith strong.
- Unit 2 The Church is Holy: We meet the Lord Jesus Christ in his work that we read about in the Gospels. We learn to be the likeness of God our Father. We do this through the love we receive from his divine Son.
- Unit 3 The Church is Catholic: Jesus taught us that God is the Father of all. Our Church welcomes all God's children.
- Unit 4 The Church is Apostolic: For the past two thousand years, the Church has spread throughout the world. It is faithful to the teachings of the Apostles, who were taught by Jesus.
- Unit 5 The Church Has a Mission to the World: The Catholic Church is a sign of the justice and peace of God's kingdom in this world and in the world to come.

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

- develop the knowledge about Catholic Tradition and a common language of faith;
- get familiar with the lives of Dominican saints, Dominican ethos and Dominican traditions;

WITNESS:

- respond to the Gospel message of Christian love, peace, and social justice in age-appropriate ways;
- evaluate oneself in the light of the D'TORCH values, following their specific indicators and practical application.

WORSHIP:

- participate fully Catholic worship (Holy Mass), learning liturgical prayer, songs, and ritual action with clear understanding of their meanings and significance;
- get familiar with a wide variety of prayer, including traditional or mechanical prayers, meditative prayers, Dominican prayers, and prayer through music, art, and ritual actions;
- get familiar with the lives of the saints and seek intercession from them.

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
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
Мау	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 called to be:

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 %)

Part 2: Deportment/Behavior (50 %)

Note: The highest possible grade students can get every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system. **Students are guided how to do deportment self-evaluation truthfully and reflectively.**

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

- Blest Are We: Faith In Action, Grade 3 Edition (PCL Benziger, A Kendall Hunt Company)
- President: Peter M. Esposito
- Publisher: Anne P. Battes

- **Project Manager:** Mary Sellars Malloy
- Graphic Designer: Mary Wessel

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:

<u>Academic Dishonesty</u> 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 Deportment.

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
	Welcome back to school, Dominicans!
Week 1 Aug 12 to 16	August 12 (Monday): School's Opening and General Orientation Day

First QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

 10 - First Day / Orientation Day 14-St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assigned Prayer Leaders: STUCO, DYM, and House Captains 	August 15 (Thursday): Opening Mass Assumption of Our LadyPart 1: General Orientation1.1. Checking of Attendance1.2. Opening Prayer1.3. Getting to know each other1.4. Knowing who your RS teacher is?1.5. RS Class Rules and RegulationsPart 2: Learning Expectation
	 2.1. Religious Studies: The 'What' and the 'Why'? 2.2. Religious Studies Textbook/References: Blest Are We 2.3. Religious Studies Coverage for the first semester 2.4. RS Grading System 2.5. What to bring during RS Class? -RS Textbook -RS Notebook -Coloring Materials -Pen -Others 2.6. Communication: RS Google classroom
	 Supplementary Lessons: Basic Prayers (To be written in RS Notebook), page 10 The Lord's Prayer The Hail Mary Glory Be Angelus, page 363 The Fundamental Concepts about the Holy Mass, pages 371-373 The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mother Mary
Week 2 Aug 19 to 23	Part 3: Dominican Way of Life and the D'TORCH Values 3.1. Who is St. Dominic de Guzman? 3.2. The Four Dominican Pillars and Dominican Core
 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 Assigned Prayer Leaders: STUCO	 3.2. The Four Dominican Pillars and Dominican Core Values 3.3. Short History of Dominican International School 3.4. Reviewing the D'TORCH Values Part 4: Supplementary Lessons: 4.1.St. Rose of Lima Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation

	Chapter 1: The Holy Spirit Guides Us, page 23
	"The Holy Spirit helps us live our Christian Faith."
	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative):
	a. Saints Peter and Paul's Message, page 25
	b. Early Church, page 26
	c. St. Paul Message, page 28
	d. A Promise from Jesus, page 30
	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):
Week 3	-Unity in the same Spirit.
Aug 26 to 30	-The courage and fortitude of St. Peter and St. Paul.
	-The faithfulness of St. Monica and St. Augustine.
27- St. Monica	
28- St. Augustine	3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):
	- pray for the intercession of St Monica and St. Augustine
Assigned Prayer Leaders: DYM	-A petition Prayer for the Church, page 34
	Supplementary Lessons:
	St. Monica and St. Augustine
	Assessment: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
	August 26: St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day
	Celebration
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	"The Holy Spirit helps us live our Christian Faith."
	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative):
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	b. Early Church, page 26
	c. St. Paul Message, page 28
	d. A Promise from Jesus, page 30
Week 4	
Sept 2 to 6	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):
03-St. Gregory the Great, Pope and	-Being United in the same Spirit.
Doctor	-Having courage and fortitude of St. Peter and St. Paul. -Developing faithfulness like St. Monica and St.
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Assigned Prayer Leaders: House Captains	
Captains	3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):
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	Augustine
	-A petition Prayer for the Church, page 34
	Supplementary Lessons:
	St. Monica and St. Augustine

	Assessment: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
	Chapter 2: The Church Welcomes Us, page 37 "The Church welcomes us in the Sacraments of Christian Initiation."
	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. The Church Welcomes us, page 37 b. Before the Time of Jesus , page 38 c. Our Welcoming Church, page 40 d. Many Gifts for One Church, page 42
Week 5 Sept 9 to 13 05-Anniversary of deceased Dominican friends and	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): -Welcoming New Members of the Church/Welcoming new members of DIS Family - Serving God and others like Jesus did -Thanking God for the Gift of Sacraments.
benefactors 11- St. Ambrose, Edward Barlow Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12	3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): - pray for the intercession of Mother Mary (Nativity of Mother Mary -pray the Prayer of Initiation, page 46
	Supplementary Lessons: The Family and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pages 358-359
	Assessments: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
	Sept 09- Holy Mass & VIP Induction & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Chapter 2: The Church Welcomes Us, page 37 "The Church welcomes us in the Sacraments of Christian Initiation."
Week 6 Sep 16 to 20 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. The Church Welcomes us, page 37 b. Before the Time of Jesus , page 38 c. Our Welcoming Church, page 40 d. Many Gifts for One Church, page 42
15-Our Lady of Sorrows Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): -Welcoming New Members of the Church/Welcoming new members of DIS Family - Serving God and others like Jesus did -Thanking God for the Gift of Sacraments.

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	Supplementary Lessons: The Family and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,pages 35 to 36
	Assessments: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
	Sept 09- Holy Mass & VIP Induction & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Sept 17-Moon Festival
	Sept 18-20 Annual Teachers Conference (No classes for students)
	Chapter 2: The Church Welcomes Us, page 37 "The Church welcomes us in the Sacraments of Christian Initiation."
Week 7 Sep 23 to 2718- 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, archangelsAssigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. The Church Welcomes us, page 37 b. Before the Time of Jesus , page 38 c. Our Welcoming Church, page 40 d. Many Gifts for One Church, page 42 2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): Welcoming New Members of the Church/Welcoming new members of DIS Family Serving God and others like Jesus did Thanking God for the Gift of Sacraments. 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): pray for the intercession of Mother Mary (Nativity of Mother Mary pray the Prayer of Initiation, page 46 Supplementary Lessons: The Family and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pages 35 to 36 Assessment: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
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Week 8	Self-Assessment Student's Deportment

Sep 30 to October 4	Preparation for the Quarter Exam
30-St. Jerome, priest and doctor	Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 1 st
Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11	Quarter
Week 9 Oct 7 to 125-6 First Quarter Exam04-Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi05-Blessed Raymond of Capua 06-Blessed Bartolo Longo 07-Our Lady of the Rosary 09-Saint Luis BertranAssigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10	Oct 07- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary Oct 8 and 9 First Quarter Exam Record Day Oct 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday (No Classes)

Second QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

Week / Date	Topic /Learning Tasks/ Assessments
	Oct 15-30 Mother Mary's visit to the offices during the regular morning prayer
Week 1 (10)	-Praying the Holy Rosary, page 382
Oct 14 to 18	Theoretical:
	Supplementary Lessons:
12-Our Lady of Pillar	-The Brief History Holy Rosary
13-St. Theophilus	-The Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and	-Young Saints who devoted themselves to the Rosary
doctor	
	Practical:
Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10	-Prepare for the necessary display for the Marian Exhibit.
	Oct 25 to Nov 1 Marian Exhibit: Young Saints who were
Week 2 (11)	devoted their lives to the Holy Rosary
Oct 21 to 25	Chanter 2: We Show Love for Others, page 40
	Chapter 3: We Show Love for Others, page 49 <i>"The Church welcomes us in the Sacraments of</i>
22-Anniversary of the Dedication	Christian Initiation."
of the Church	

22 St. John David II. Dana	1 WORD (Destring/Informative)
22-St. John Paul II, Pope	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative):
	a. We Show Love for Others/ St. Martin of Tours, page
Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10	49
	b.In the Time of the Early Church, page 50
	c. Our Welcoming Church, page 40
	d. The Paralyzed Beggar, page 52
	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):
	-Showing Love for Others, page 51
	-Developing the Love of God by loving our neighbors
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	3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):
	- pray for the Meditation Prayer, page 58
	Supplementary Lessons:
	-Saint Martin of Tours
	Assessments: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
	Chapter 3: We Show Love for Others, page 49
	"The Church welcomes us in the Sacraments of
	Christian Initiation."
	1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative):
	a. We Show Love for Others/ St. Martin of Tours, page
	49
	b.In the Time of the Early Church, page 50
	c. Our Welcoming Church, page 40
	d. The Paralyzed Beggar, page 52
Week 3 (12)	
Oct 28 to Nov 1	2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative):
	-Showing Love for Others, page 51
29 Sta Simon and Juda anastlas	-Developing the Love of God by loving our neighbors
28- Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles	
01- Solemnity of All Saints	3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith):
02-The Commemoration of All the	- pray for the Meditation Prayer, page 58
Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
03-Saint Martin de Porres	Supplementary Lessons:
	-Saint Martin of Tours
Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9	
	Assessments: Chapter 1 Review, pages 35 to 36
	Nov 1- All Saints Day Mass
	Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican
	Profession
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	Chapter 4: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray, page 61 <i>"Jesus teaches us to pray the Lord's Prayer."</i>
Week 4 (13) Nov 4 to 806-Blessed Bonaventura Gracia Paredes, Friar, Priest and Master of the Order 	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray, page 61 b. Jesus teaches His followers to pray the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5-14, page 62 c. The Lord's Prayer, page 64 d. Therese's Little Way, page 66 2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): Praying is talking and listening to God, page 68 Developing the Love of praying through the examples of St. Therese of Lisieux 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): pray the Lord's Prayer with a deep understanding of its biblical context and personal relevance. pray the "Prayers of Sharing" on page 70 Supplementary Lessons: All Saint's Day Saint Martin de Porres
	Assessments: Chapter 4 Review, pages 71-72
	Chapter 4: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray, page 61 "Jesus teaches us to pray the Lord's Prayer."
Week 5 (14) Nov 11 to 15 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 Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8	 1. WORD (Doctrine/Informative): a. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray, page 61 b. Jesus teaches His followers to pray the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5-14, page 62 c. The Lord's Prayer, page 64 d. Therese's Little Way, page 66 2.WITNESS (Valuing/Transformative): Praying is talking and listening to God, page 68 Developing the Love of praying through the examples of St. Therese of Lisieux 3.WORSHIP (Prayers and Celebration of Faith): pray the Lord's Prayer with a deep understanding of its biblical context and personal relevance. pray the "Prayers of Sharing" on page 70 Supplementary Lessons:

	-All Saint's Day -Saint Martin de Porres
Week 6 (15) Nov 18 to 22	Theoretical: Supplementary Lessons: -Advent Season -Christmas Season
 18- Dedication of the Basilicas of	Practical:
Sts. Peter	-Prepare an Advent Wreath to remind oneself that we
and Paul, apostles 21- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus	need to prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season.
Christ, King of the Universe Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8	Nov 22 and 25- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam
Week 7 (16) Nov 25 to 29 25-Saint Ignatius Delgado, Friar and Bishop Saint Vincent Liem De La Paz, Friar and Priest Saint Dominic Pham Trong An Kham, Lay Dominican And Companions Martyrs of Vietnam 30-St. Andrew, apostle Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7	Theoretical: Supplementary Lessons: -Advent Season -Christmas Season Practical: -Prepare an Advent Wreath to remind oneself that we need to prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season. Nov 25- Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck after school (Teachers and staff) Nov 26 to 28 Pre-Exam Days Nov 28 House Family Fun Run
Week 8 (17)	 Dec 02- First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the Christmas
Dec 2 to 6	Tree in the afternoon Dec 06 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
<i>03-St. Francis Xavier</i>	Virgin Mary, principal Patroness of the Philippines
Assigned Prayer Leaders: <i>RS 7</i>	Advanced DIS 67 th Foundation Day Celebrations
Week 9 (18)	Individual Conference
Dec 09 to 13	Preparation for the Quarter Exam

07- St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor

Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 2nd Quarter

Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 6

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

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