



# Dominican International School

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

**GRADE LEVEL:** 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:**

- recognize God as a loving Father;
- communicate God as Creator;
- value, respect, and love all God's creation;
- express gratitude to God's goodness and creation;
- retell the stories of the creation of man and woman.

**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 recite the 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>	01- Bl. John Vercelli The Holy Family
<b>January</b>	07- St. Raymond of Peñafort 18- St. Margaret of Hungary
<b>February</b>	13- Bl. Jordan of Saxony
<b>March</b>	07- St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>April</b>	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
<b>May</b>	10- St. Anthony of Florence 12- Bl. Imelda Lambertini 20- Bl. Columba of Reiti
<b>Others</b>	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:**

**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><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>Assigned Prayer Leaders: STUCO, DYM, and House Captains</p>	<p><i>Welcome back to school, Dominicans!</i></p> <p><b>August 12: School's Opening and General Orientation Day</b></p> <p><b>August 15: Opening Mass Assumption of Our Lady</b></p>
<p><b>Week 2</b> <b>Aug 19 to 23</b></p>	<p><b>Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation</b></p>

<p>17-<i>Saint Hyacinth of Poland</i>  18- <i>Blessed Mannes</i>  21- <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>  22-<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  23- <i>Saint Rose of Lima</i>  24- <i>St. Bartholomew, apostle</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: STUCO</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> <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: DYM</b></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: St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration</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: House Captains</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review how to do Sign of the cross properly.</li> <li>• Understanding of the Basic Prayers.</li> <li>• Prayer before meals.</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: RS 12</b></p>	<p><b>Sept 09-Holy Mass &amp; VIP Induction &amp; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p> <p><b>Unit 1: God creates the world.</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 1:</b> God creates the Earth and skies.</p> <p><b>Lesson 1:</b> God’s gifts of day and night.</p> <p><b>Lesson 2 :</b> God’s Creation Storytelling and song.</p> <p><b>Song:</b> The Creation Song.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 6</b> <b>Sep 16 to 20</b></p> <p>14-<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 15-<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 12</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sept 17-Moon Festival</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sept 18-20 Annual Teachers Conference</b> <i>(No classes for students)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 7</b> <b>Sep 23<sup>to</sup> 27</b></p> <p>18- <i>Saint Juan Macias</i> 21- <i>St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist</i> 28-<i>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> 29-<i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sept 24-26, Pre-Exam Days</b></p> <p><b>Unit 1: God creates the world.</b> <b>Chapter 2:</b> God creates the animals. <b>Lesson 1:</b> God loves all the animals. <b>Lesson 2 :</b> God gives us animals to love.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 8</b> <b>Sep 30 to October 4</b></p> <p>30-<i>St. Jerome, priest and doctor</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 11</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Self-Assessment Student's Department</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preparation for the Quarter Exam</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Completion of the Subject's Requirements for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.</b></p> <p><b>Unit 1: God creates the world.</b> <b>Chapter 3:</b> God creates People. <b>Lesson 1:</b> God loves us. <b>Lesson 2 :</b> People show love.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Week 9</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 07- Launching of the Month of the Most Holy Rosary</b></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 7 to 12</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 07-Our Lady of the Rosary 09-Saint Luis Bertran</p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 8 and 9 First Quarter Exam Record Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 10 Double Ten – Public Holiday (No Classes)</b></p>
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### 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>12-Our Lady of Pillar 13-St. Theophilus 15-St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor</p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 15-30 Mother Mary's visit to the offices during the regular morning prayer</b></p> <p><b>Unit 2: God's love makes me who I am</b> <b>Chapter 4:</b> God creates Me. <b>Lesson 1:</b> God created me special. <b>Lesson 2 :</b> I can praise the Lord with my talents.</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>22-Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church 22-St. John Paul II, Pope</p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 25 to Nov 1 Marian Exhibit: Young Saints who were devoted their lives to the Holy Rosary</b></p> <p><b>Unit 2: God's love makes me who I am.</b> <b>Chapter 5:</b> God gives me feelings. <b>Lesson 1:</b> God knows how we feel. <b>Lesson 2 :</b> We can share our feelings.</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>Nov 1- All Saints Day Mass</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nov 3 Feast of St. Martin de Porres and Lay Dominican Profession</b></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><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 2:</b> God's love makes me who I am  <b>Chapter 6:</b> God gives us senses  <b>Lesson 1:</b> My senses help me enjoy God's world  <b>Lesson 2 :</b> Thank God for my senses</p>
<p><b>Week 4 (13)  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>  07- <i>All Saints of the Order of Preachers</i></p> <p><b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 9</b></p>	<p><b>Unit 3: God gives us loving people</b>  <b>Chapter 7:</b> God gives us families  <b>Lesson 1:</b> God makes my family special  Introducing your family.</p>
<p><b>Week 5 (14)  Nov 11 to 15</b></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></p>	<p><b>Unit 3: God gives us loving people</b>  <b>Chapter 7:</b> God gives us families.  <b>Lesson 1:</b> God makes my family special  - Introducing your family.  <b>Lesson 2 :</b> Loving my family</p>

<p>15- Saint Albert the Great  16-St. Margaret of Scotland,  queen  St. Gertrude, virgin  17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary,  Religious  <b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8</b></p>	
<p><b>Week 6 (15)</b>  <b>Nov 18 to 22</b></p> <p>18- Dedication of the Basilicas  of Sts. Peter  and Paul, apostles  21- Solemnity of Our Lord  Jesus Christ, King of the  Universe  <b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 8</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 22 and 25- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam</b></p> <p><b>Unit 3: God gives us loving people</b>  <b>Chapter 8:</b> God gives us friends.  <b>Lesson 1:</b> Our wonderful friends.  <b>Lesson 2 :</b> God gives us teachers.</p>
<p><b>Week 7 (16)</b>  <b>Nov 25 to 29</b></p> <p>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  <b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 25- Thanksgiving Mass and Potluck after  school (Teachers and staff)</b></p> <p><b>Nov 26 to 28 Pre-Exam Days</b></p> <p><b>Nov 28 House Family Fun Run</b></p> <p><b>Lesson 1: We give thanks</b>  - The Thanksgiving Story  <b>Lesson 2 :</b> Introducing Advent  Advent wreath</p>
<p><b>Week 8 (17)</b>  <b>Dec 2 to 6</b></p> <p>03-St. Francis Xavier  <b>Assigned Prayer Leaders: RS 7</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 02- First Week of Advent/ Lighting of the  Christmas Tree in the afternoon</b>  <b>Dec 06 - The Immaculate Conception of the  Blessed Virgin Mary, principal Patroness of the  Philippines</b>  <b>Advanced DIS 67<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Celebrations</b></p>

	<p><b>Lesson 1 : We celebrate Christmas</b> - Christmas ornaments</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 for the Quarter 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> <b>Dec 14 to Jan 3 Christmas Holiday begins</b></p>

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