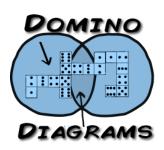


CONQUEST 7TH & 8TH GRADE ACTIVITY

INSTRUCTIONS: Print out the Domino Diagram Pieces for each team and the saint story so they can create their domino map.



TEAM 1: BLESSED IRENE STEFANI





AURELIA MERCEDE STEFANI WAS BORN IN 1891 IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN NORTHERN ITALY. SHE was the fifth of eleven children. Her mother died young so she took care of her YOUNGER BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND WORKED AVIDLY WITH THE YOUTH AT HER PARISH. WHEN SHE WAS TWENTY YEARS OLD, SHE JOINED THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARY SISTERS IN 1911 AND SHE WAS trained in religious life as well as a nurse. In 1914, she took her yows as a sister and soon after was sent to Kenya. After a long and exhausting journey by ship, she ARRIVED IN MOMBASA ON JANUARY 1915.

WORLD WAR I HAD ALREADY BEGUN AND BECAUSE OF HER TRAINING IN NURSING. THE BRITISH ASKED HER TO TAKE CARE OF THE SOLDIERS AND COURIER CORPS WHO WERE WOUNDED IN THE WAR BOTH IN MOMBASA AND TANZANIA. AS THE WAR WAS ENDING SHE WAS ABLE TO JOIN THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AS A NURSE. SHE WORKED THERE FOR 10 YEARS. SHE GAYE HERSELF. BODY AND SOUL AS A NURSE GIVING HEALTHCARE. CARING FOR THE SICK. IT IS SAID THAT MANY WERE THE TIMES THAT SHE SPENT THE WHOLE DAY WITHOUT EATING IN ORDER TO SERVE MANY PATIENTS. BECAUSE OF THIS LOVING SERVICE AND TOTAL DEDICATION. THE PEOPLE OF that area nicknamed her as "Nyaatha" which is a name translated as "a person of MERCY". THERE WAS AN EPIDEMIC OF PLAGUE AND SR. IRENE GOT SICK SOON AFTER ARRIVING IN THAT AREA. SHE CONTRACTED THE DISEASE AS SHE WAS TREATING ONE OF THE PATIENTS EVEN AFTER BEING WARNED BY OTHER SISTERS NOT TO ATTEND TO THE PATIENT BECAUSE SHE COULD BE AFFECTED. OUT OF LOVE, FAITH, DEDICATION, PRAYER AND FULL OBEDIENCE TO GOD, SHE IDENTIFIED HERSELF WITH THE SICK. THE HOPELESS AND THE DYING. SHE DIED IN 1930 WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 39 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS DECLARED A SERVANT OF GOD AND LATER BLESSED BY POPE FRANCIS.



TEAM 2: FR ALOYSIUS SCHWARTZ





"Father Al", as he was known to those he comforted, helped the poor and he lived a life of poverty. He was born in 1930 in Washington DC. He went to catholic school in the DC area and then decided to be a priest. He went to seminary in Maryland and then to the Maryknoll College in New Jersey and Illinois. He was very gifted in studies and was then sent to the prestigious Louyain University in Belgium to get a degree in theology. While he was studying there, he made many visits to the Shrine of the Virgin of the Poor in Western Belgium. Father Al felt a deep inner peace and confirmation of his constant desire to live in total poverty, and resolved to dedicate himself to the Virgin of the Poor.

HE WAS ORDAINED A DIOCESAN PRIEST IN WASHINGTON DC IN 1957 AND WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED TO GO TO KOREA. HIS WAS A LIFE OF LOVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. HE FOUNDED THE KOREAN RELIEF AND FUNDRAISED TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. FR AL WAS STATIONED AS THE PARISH PRIEST AND STARTED NUMEROUS PROJECTS THAT EMPLOYED AND HELPED BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN THE AREA. HE FOUNDED THE CONGREGATION OF NUNS - THE SISTERS OF MARY AND ORPHANAGES CALLED THE WORLD VILLAGES FOR CHILDREN. HE OPENED FOOD PANTRIES AND BUILT SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN. HE EYEN TOOK OVER A HOSPITAL IN KOREA THAT PRIMARILY SERVED PATIENTS WITH TUBERCULOSIS. HE FOUNDED AND OPENED NUMEROUS HOUSES THAT WERE THE KOREAN VERSION OF BOYSTOWN AND GIRLSTOWN. AT ONE POINT THERE WERE OVER 10 000 CHILDREN IN HIS PROGRAMS.

HE ACTUALLY BUILT A NEW HOSPITAL WHERE THE NUNS WORKED AND SERVED PEOPLE FOR FREE. HE TOOK CARE OF OVER 1800 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN SEOUL KOREA AND ACTUALLY STARTED A CONGREGATION OF BROTHERS WHO WOULD BE DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THEM. HE STARTED A NEW PROGRAM THAT HELPED OVER 400 SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. HIS WORK SPREAD TO THE PHILIPPINES, MEXICO, GUATEMALA, BRAZIL AND NOW IN HONDURAS. HIS LAST THREE YEARS WERE FULL OF PAIN AND SUFFERING FROM ALS DISEASE (LOU GERHIG'S DISEASE). BUT EVEN IN A WHEELCHAIR HE CONTINUED TO FULFILL HIS DUTIES WITH JOY. ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY, OVER 1000 CHILDREN CAME TO CELEBRATE WITH HIM IN THANKS FOR ALL HE HAD DONE FOR THEM. IN 1991 THE SISTERS WENT TO MEXICO AND BEGAN OPENING ORPHANAGES THERE TO HELP CHILDREN. ON MARCH 16, 1992, FR SCWARTZ DIED OF LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE WHEN HE WAS 62 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BURIED AT THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES. HIS OFFICIAL CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION WAS OPENED IN 2003. FR ALOYSIUS TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES. YOU COULD SAY THAT HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE ONE LIFE GOD GAVE HIM TO DO AS MUCH GOOD AS HE COULD AND EFFECT AS MANY PEOPLE WITH HIS LIFE AS POSSIBLE - ESPECIALLY THE POOR.



DOMINOS TO DIAGRAM (PRINT ABOUT 15 FOR EACH TEAM)

