



Portrait of the SMA Graduate

St. Monica Academy is committed to graduating men and women who:

- **Recognize** their infinite value and dignity as persons made in God's own image;
- **Embrace** and live the teachings of the Catholic faith;
- **Form** their consciences according to the objective truth of the Gospel;
- **Pray** daily, attend Mass faithfully, and contemplate the beauty of Creation;
- **Treasure** the blessings of their own families;
- **Approach** relationships with love and with hope in the goodness of others;
- **Share** the love of Christ with those who do not yet know Him;
- **Seek** to be happy and generous husbands and wives, and fathers and mothers, when called to married life;
- **Seek** to be happy and generous in their vocations when called to the priesthood or religious life;
- **Possess** an integrated knowledge of academic disciplines in the arts and sciences;
- **Think** deeply, logically, imaginatively, and prayerfully to make decisions according to right reason;
- **Communicate** clearly through both the written and spoken word;
- **Participate** confidently in athletic, artistic, and intellectual pursuits;
- **Embrace** their civic duty to improve their communities through personal engagement;
- **Possess** magnanimous character with generous hearts;
- **Appreciate** profoundly the St. Monica Academy community, and consider themselves as sustaining members of it;
- **Serve** as leaders in their college, parish, and social communities;
- **Utilize** technology and media responsibly to foster authentic relationships;
- **Protect** the dignity of the unborn, the aged, the poor, and the suffering;
- **Respect** cultures and beliefs not their own always in Christian charity;
- **Thirst** to acquire new knowledge continually;
- **Experience** the true freedom that is the fruit of virtuous living;
- **Look** forward with joyful hope to spending eternity with God in heaven.

