The Saint Constantine School of Dallas

Portrait of a Graduate

FORMED FOR EVERY CALLING

TSCSD does not primarily set out to produce "leaders," "innovators," or even "great thinkers," though we hope our graduates become all of these. We cannot know to what each of our students is called. We do know that their character and the proper formation of their soul and mind will go with them whatever work they go on to do. Our work is human formation. **A Saint Constantine graduate is, first and foremost, a person formed in virtue, wisdom, and joy.**

These three words of our mission correspond to the transcendentals every classical school honors: goodness, truth, and beauty. Virtue, wisdom, and joy are how those transcendentals are lived out in a human person. When a student loves God and pursues all three, they grow in the beauty of holiness.

> *"Our vision is nothing less than to produce saints for the kingdom of Heaven who know how to live out that kingdom here and now."*

THE EMBODIMENT OF GOODNESS

Virtue

A TSCSD graduate knows that only the virtuous are truly happy, and has practiced the habits that make a good life.

- **Prudent.** Judges rightly and makes sound decisions in real situations.
- **Just.** Deals rightly with others and endeavors to give each person what justice requires.
- **Courageous.** Perseveres in what is right, even when it is difficult.
- **Temperate.** Orders desires toward what is good; manages time and self with discipline.
- **Faithful, hopeful, and loving.** Lives the Christian virtues in friendship, family, church, and community.

THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH

Wisdom

A TSCSD graduate does not simply know things; they discern truth clearly and apply it rightly.

- **A careful reader** of the great works of human civilization, from Homer and Plato to Dante and Dostoevsky.
- **A clear writer and speaker** who knows how to build an argument, defend a thesis, speak persuasively and disagree with kindness.
- **A question-asker** who knows that the work of education is never ending, rooted in curiosity and the careful pursuit of Truth.
- **Mathematically and scientifically grounded** with a love of the natural world which is founded in wonder as well as fact.
- **Rooted in the languages** of the Church and of the classical world.

THE LIFE OF BEAUTY

Joy

A TSCSD graduate knows how to make a flourishing human life with others and has many ways to pursue what is good.

- **Produces rather than consumes**, having learned to value and participate in the human skills of artistic creation.
- **At home in God's creation**, from the garden and the care of animals to the love of the night sky.
- **Plays well** and knows the value of rest, celebration, and friendship.
- **Builds community** through hospitality and service wherever life takes them.

THE LOVE OF GOD

Holiness

A TSCSD graduate has been shaped by a life of prayer and worship in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, and seeks to create on earth what there is in Heaven.

- **Prays** as a daily habit, always seeking to pray without ceasing.
- **Knows the Scriptures** through regular devotion, liturgical practice, and private reading.
- **Sees the world sacramentally**, with eyes and ears trained by icons and sacred music to know that God is in all things.
- **Offers their gifts in service** to God, the Church, and the world.