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“For the Son
of Man...”

...came to
serve and
not to be
served”

Matthew 20:28

In 2005 Susan Northway became Director of the Diocesan Office of Religious Education, collaborating with Monsignor J. Terrence Fitzgerald to launch the four-year Lay Ecclesial Ministry (LEM) Formation Program. Susan oversees the annual Diocesan Pastoral Congress, arranges diocesan study days, retreats, and promotes online theological coursework for adult faith formation.



Aden Batar had just completed his law degree in Somalia when war broke out. He and his family were forced to flee Somalia to escape the violence. They fled to Kenya, living there as refugees before being resettled by CCS in Utah. They were the first Somalis to be resettled in Utah. Today, Aden is director of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration for CCS, overseeing the resettlement of thousands of refugees.

Oscar Marquina was born in Venezuela and grew up in Logan, Utah. After graduating from Utah State, he began to hear the call to the priesthood. Oscar entered Mount Angel Seminary. He says, “I look forward to conforming my heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and serving the diocese. I am very grateful to receive support from the DDD.” Through the DDD we have the opportunity to support the vocation of people like Oscar.



The mission of the Diocesan Office of Liturgy is to assist the Bishop in strengthening and forming the liturgical life of the diocese. Ruth Dillon is responsible for Diocesan Liturgies and formation of liturgical ministers, including ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, hospitality ministers, altar servers and musicians. In addition, she works closely with parishes in the RCIA process.



Leontine Bangala arrived in the U.S. as a sixteen-year-old who barely spoke English. Born in the Congo, she fled the violence in her home country, traveling with her uncle before reaching Morocco. Leontine lived in Morocco for seven years before coming to the U.S. as a refugee, resettling in Utah through Catholic Community Services (CCS). Leontine is flourishing as a student in her second year of college. Her resettlement in the U.S. is supported by the DDD.



“God’s calling has been a slow process full of challenges and blessings”. Deacon Carlos Méndez is an advocate of marriage and family life values since his first encounter with the Lord which was through a marriage retreat. “My marriage and family were restored by our Lord and ever since then the Lord has been an integral part of my life.” “I thank the Lord and the Diocese for the opportunity given me to serve His people.”

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