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## **Juan Diego and Judge Memorial Catholic High School alumni continue the spirit of service**

*Holy Cross Ministries' Leadership Team grows with the addition of two new Directors*

SALT LAKE CITY – Holy Cross Ministries is pleased to welcome Judge Memorial Catholic High School alum, John Kirsling, who has joined the agency and accepted the position of Director of Finance, effective July 11, 2016, and announce its new Director of Development and Communications, Patricia Graham, who graduated from Juan Diego Catholic High School.

Prior to joining Holy Cross Ministries, Kirsling worked with Catholic Community Services of Utah and the Housing Authority of Salt Lake City. His experience in faith-based service to vulnerable populations will strengthen Holy Cross Ministries' tradition of compassionate service in Utah. He holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Utah, and an Associates of Business of Administration from Salt Lake Community College and is a versatile Accountant with progressive, hands-on experience in various phases of accounting and compliance.

Graham continued her Catholic education at a Jesuit university and holds a B.A. in International Studies from Loyola University Chicago, where she gained experience in fundraising and development with local and international community-based organizations. Her prior experience in non-profit work ranges from arts, education, and resettlement organizations and has been an asset to Holy Cross Ministries, which she joined in 2014 to provide program support. Soon after joining the team she began assisting in all facets of organizational development and communications and we are pleased to have her assume a directorship as the organization advances.

Holy Cross Ministries' Executive Director, Maria S. Farrington, states, "I trust that Kirsling and Graham will serve as an asset to the Holy Cross Ministries' Leadership Team and ultimately our shared community here in Utah, through Holy Cross Ministries' ongoing efforts to enhance the lives of those we serve." These efforts date back to the 1800s when the first two Sisters of the Holy Cross arrived in the Utah territory and established a hospital for injured miners and railroad workers. Today, with the vision of building and celebrating just, compassionate, sustainable, and inclusive communities, Holy Cross Ministries serves low-income families across the state by

providing health, education, and justice services to individuals regardless of any defining characteristic such as race, ethnicity, or religious identity.

*HCM is guided by the tradition of service that has characterized the Sisters of the Holy Cross since 1875 when the first intrepid sisters opened a hospital in Utah. HCM is driven by its commitment to those in need and has continued this tradition of compassionate service since it was created in 1994. Recognizing the widespread needs of the underserved in Utah, HCM's programs provide early childhood and youth education classes; bilingual outreach services to provide prenatal education, basic health screening, counseling, and community referrals; and legal immigration assistance, primarily for families and victims of domestic violence. To learn more about Holy Cross Ministries, please visit [www.holycrossministries.org](http://www.holycrossministries.org).*

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