

My name is Mbonimpa Banabas. I originally came from the Democratic Republic of Congo. I came to the United States of America in December 2008 after spending 20 years in a Refugee Camp in Uganda and I arrived in Boston. In Boston I attended Bunker Hill Community College while at the same time taking care of my parents. After graduating in 2013 with an Associate Degree in Business Administration I moved to Syracuse to join the few fellow Congolese families who had just arrived in Syracuse. I and my family have been parishioners of All Saints Church since 2013. I am part-time student at Syracuse University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Creative Leadership Program and my dream is to pursue master's degree in law. As I continued attending All Saint's church, I was also concerned for our young people who were also going to the same church and I wanted to keep them engaged in safe activities, so I organized a soccer team which has given them a chance to reach out to the greater community as we compete against all teams.