

GUIDO KELLY - Short Bio

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My name is Guido Kelly. In my personal life, I am married. My wife and I have two grown sons and two grandchildren. I am a parishioner at Annunciation of Our Lord Church in Hamilton. We are regular attendees at Mass. I am the Co-Chair of our Building and Finance Committee and encourage teamwork as we are entrusted with monitoring the finances of the parish as well as improvements of our church buildings as required. During my working career, I have held several managerial positions as a Professional Mechanical Engineer. I have been the lead with a number of multi-million dollar projects from start to fruition, along with being Plant Engineer at different operating plants.

Having been inspired by our then Pastor, Fr. Joe, I became a member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Conference at Annunciation in 1993. I was chosen as the President of the Conference in 1997 and held this position until June 2008. During my tenure in early 2005, we applied for and were successfully twinned with the Conference of the Miraculous Medallion in Lima, Peru. I became the Twinning Coordinator for our Annunciation Conference. In April 2009, we arranged to have a Joint Rosary session with our twin conference in Peru via Skype. This was very successful, and we still engage with the Joint Rosary every year since. It is always an uplifting experience for all the participants.

In my role as the Hamilton Particular Council President which I held from June 2008 until June 2016, among other accomplishments, I was most proud in chairing the Organizing Committee for the 2015 National AGA which we hosted in Hamilton. The 2015 AGA was a huge success thanks to the plans and the groundwork by all the members of the Organizing Committee before and during the AGA. The teamwork that was displayed by the members of the Committee was paramount and second to none. I thoroughly enjoyed my role in working with the group.

I was asked to become the Chair of ONRC Twinning in 2009 and am still very active in this role. During this span, I have been involved in numerous twinning arrangements between Conferences and Councils across Ontario with Conferences and Councils in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean countries.

Currently, I am Co-Chair of the ONRC MultiCultural and Diversity Committee (ONRC MCDC), whose role is the encouraging and ensuring that there is diversity and inclusion within our ranks. I am also Co-Chair of the ONRC Communications Committee with the responsibility of Editor, Vincentimes, a quarterly publication that highlights the activities and achievements of our many ONRC Conferences and Councils as well as highlighting the achievements and "advice" from our more senior Vincentians that have had "long time" roles in their Conferences and Councils.

Presently, within our Hamilton Particular Council, I am Chair of the Stores Committee. I enjoy working with our Manager to support her in her role. As a team, our Committee members and Manager, we institute new and innovative ways to promote and improve our operations.

I wish to bring my experience of working collaboratively with others to the Board of Directors to achieve the goals that are set by the Board. I wish to use my zeal for our Society in conjunction with humility and integrity, two of our St. Vincent virtues, that I always promote, for the betterment of the ONRC as we serve with compassion to those we assist.