

# Kelli Grace Kurtz

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## Summary

The Very Reverend Canon Kelli Grace Kurtz- I strive to live out my baptismal vows within the avowed life of a priest. I lead with a pastor's heart and an eye for seeking Christ in all people. My heart soars at the opportunities that exist to pull people together in prayer and action for the glory of God.

## Skills

Christian Education	Outreach Ministry
Preaching	Interfaith/Interdenominational
Church Administration	dialogue
Community Advocacy	Diocesan Program Groups

## Experience

### **Vicar** - Saint John's Episcopal Church (La Verne, CA)

May 2007 - Current

Sole clergy person of a mission congregation in charge of pastoral care, church administration, worship, community interaction, and outreach projects. Oversaw building upgrades, the building of a labyrinth, and the incorporation of several groups using the church facilities on non-Sunday days. Encouraged pilgrimages for high school youth and young adults. Interacted with local government agencies, interfaith groups and social service agencies. Designed and implemented multi-generational vacation Bible schools. Oversaw regional Bishop Visits with confirmations and an ordination. Facilitated local clergy support group. Provided ongoing pastoral care.

### **Associate Clergy** - All Saints' Episcopal Church (Riverside, CA)

August 1999 - April 2007

Oversaw Christian Education, Church Administration, and coordinated facility-use groups. On regular preaching rota. Chaplain to All Saints' Carden Academy. Created Sunday School program for both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking congregations. Created youth group and acolyte corps.

### **Curate for Christian Education** - Saint Mary's Episcopal Church (Laguna Beach, CA)

August 1996 - June 1999

Developed Sunday School program and Acolyte Corps. Lead Adult Education groups. Interfaced with local social service agencies. Provided pastoral care. Preached.

Education and Training **Master of Arts** in Religion

Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, United States

**Bachelor of Arts** in Psychology

California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

**High School Diploma**

San Joaquin Memorial Roman Catholic High School, Fresno, CA

## Activities and Honors

2018--Woman of the Year for Education by 48th State Assembly representative Blanca Rubio.

2016-2019 Deputy Alternate for EDLA to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church

2017--Inducted into the Order of Angels of the Diocese of Los Angeles by Bishop J Jon Bruno [www.ladiocese.org/bishop/order\\_of\\_angels.html](http://www.ladiocese.org/bishop/order_of_angels.html)

2014--Hiked the Camino de Santiago from Saint Jean de Pied, France to Santiago, Spain

2013-2017 Mentor for newly ordained clergy in EDLA

2012--Made Dean of Deanery Six

2011-February 2018- Facilitator of the La Verne-San Dimas Clergy Association

2010--Made Canon of the Cathedral Center of Saint Paul's

April 4, 1964- baptized at Saint James' Cathedral, Fresno California

## Wider Church Involvement

Founding Vicar for Laundry Love Pomona

Chair of Committee on Constitution and Canons 2018-2019

Mentor to newly ordained clergy 2014-present

Dean of Deanery Six 2012-present

Chair of the Program Group on Mission Congregations 2008-present

Chair of the Special Committee of Convention on the Incorporation and Admission of Parishes and Missions 2009, 2018

Member of the Program Group for Youth and Young Adults 2007-present

Chaplain for Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2014, 2015, 2018

Member of the Commission on Ministry 2016-present

Member of Diocesan Council 2007-present

Chaplain at Camp Stevens 2006-present