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Mr. Gerard Veldhoven
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Dear Gerald,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of June 30, 2012. I appreciate that you are writing as a non-Christian atheist.

Viewing from the outside of our faith, celibacy may be seen as “an abnormal behaviour for a human being”, but from the perspective of faith this is a commitment to Jesus Christ and to the Church and contributes to a life of service.

Viewing from the outside of our faith, same-gender marriage involves a seeking for equality, but from the perspective of faith, marriage is a commitment of a man and a woman that symbolizes Christ’s love for the Church. This is not to say that same sex relationships cannot be examples of commitment or of love.

The Church is making real efforts to be welcoming to all and we are trying to be renewed in our relationship with Jesus our Saviour so that we can continue his mission of showing God’s unconditional love to all people.

May the Lord bless you as you seek the truth in your own life and in society.

Sincerely,

† Brian Joseph Dunn
Bishop of Antigonish