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ST. AIDAN, TORONTO
2423 Queen St. E.
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Dear Lucy, Jeff, Michael and Marguerite:

I have read your letters requesting approval to become one of the congregations in the Diocese of Toronto under my episcopal jurisdiction where the marriage of same-sex relationships can occur, using the *Pastoral Guidelines for Same-Sex Marriages*. I appreciate the care and gracious thoroughness of the process that you utilised and the consultation that occurred.

I accept your conclusion that a significant consensus has been reached. I approve the Parish of St. Aidan, Toronto as a parish where same-sex couples may have their relationships blessed in accordance with the Pastoral Guidelines.

I hope that, using the Pastoral Guidelines (enclosed, and can be found on the Diocese of Toronto website under "Same-Sex Marriage"), the Parish of St. Aidan, Toronto will be one of those places in the Diocese of Toronto where all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, may find their committed relationships hallowed through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

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cc. The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson
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Suffragan Bishop of Toronto