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Letters to the Editor: Rights for all

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As a former teacher who was denied ordination in the Presbyterian Church simply for the gender of the person I love, I can empathize with what LGBT teachers and staff in the schools headed by San Francisco's Archdiocese must be feeling now that they are being asked to abide by morality clauses.

Teachers, groundskeepers and secretaries working for the archdiocese have the right to work without losing their job because of who they are or who they love. When the archdiocese wants to reclassify these nonreligious positions as ministers it is only to make it easier to fire them based on recent legal precedent.

Let's stand up for the rights of religions to choose their actual ministers of doctrine, but we need to protect the rights of *all* employees to work without being forced to subscribe to morality clauses.

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