

20 November 2013

Institute for World Evangelisation - ICPE Mission (NZ)
St Gerard's Monastery
75 Hawker Street
Mt Victoria
Wellington, 6011

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support Saint Gerard's Church and Monastery's application for \$3 million funding, from the Lottery Grants Board, to help pay the \$12.2 million estimated cost, for the seismic strengthening and restoration of St Gerard's.


St Gerard's is an iconic part of Wellington's stunning harbour. It overlooks Wellington's vibrant and working port and is part of Wellington's heritage as a city and countless personal histories. It is very important to the capital.

Wellington's reputation as a diverse and inclusive city is enhanced by the work St Gerard's does in the community. I support all efforts to continue this work and the beautiful architecture that houses it.

Wellington faces a number of natural challenges, including earthquakes. Caring for and maintaining our buildings is vital. The large Cook Strait earthquakes highlighted the importance of safe buildings and the economic resources needed to maintain our built heritage.

Please look favourably on St Gerard's application for funding. With your help I hope that St Gerard's will be a part of Wellington's cultural and architectural heritage for generations to come.

Warm regards



Celia Wade-Brown
Mayor
Wellington City Council

