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Re: Application to Lottery Grants Board

The Mt Victoria Historical Society strongly supports your application to the Lottery Grants Board for financial assistance to pay for an engineering assessment of the seismic strength of St Gerard's Church and Monastery, with the aim of ensuring that they are made safe and preserved for the future.

St Gerard's is one of the most significant heritage buildings in Mt Victoria and wider Wellington. It is, truly, an iconic building, featuring in many images of Wellington and instantly recognisable as a well-known Wellington landmark. Its importance is acknowledged in its listing as a Category 1 building on the Heritage New Zealand register and on Wellington City Council's heritage inventory. As the Council states, it is "one of Wellington's most aesthetically significant and distinctive landmarks".

As a charitable Society founded in 1996 with the aim of fostering protection of the rich heritage of Mt Victoria, we urge that the grant application be given high priority and favourable consideration. We believe that St Gerard's Church and Monastery are a unique and irreplaceable part of Mt Victoria and Wellington's built heritage.

Yours sincerely,

David McCrone
Convenor

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