

September 5, 2025

Andrew Berman, Executive Director
Village Preservation
232 East 11th Street
New York, NY 10003

Re: St. Veronica's Church, 149-153 Christopher St.

Dear Mr. Berman:

I am responding to your letter of August 22, 2025, regarding maintenance issues and concerns of structural damage at St. Veronica's Church in the Greenwich Village Historic District Extension. LPC enforcement staff members made site visits to St. Veronica's in 2024 and 2025 and, as you can see from the recent photograph on the following page, the street façade looks to be, generally, in very good condition.

As to the interior of St. Veronica's, Commission staff have received photographs of St. Veronica's sanctuary showing paint peeling in certain areas, potentially caused by water infiltration. Because of a possibility of water entering the building from a portion of the roof not visible from the street, our staff contacted the building's owner, the Archdiocese of New York.

The Archdiocese staff have informed us that extensive repairs to the roof of St. Veronica's are planned. It is unclear how long repairs will take. The first step will be installation of scaffolding, which should occur in September. The roof repair work will require a permit from the LPC.

Thank you for your concern.

Regards,

/s/ John Weiss

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City Councilmember Erik Bottcher
Community Board 2, Manhattan

