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RE: Most Holy Redeemer Church, 173 East 3rd Street

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Dear Chair Carroll:

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The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors supports the campaign of Village Preservation to urge the LPC to designate the Most Holy Redeemer Church at 173 East 3rd Street as an Individual Landmark. Established by the Redemptorist Fathers in 1844 to serve New York City's sizable German immigrant population at a time when this section of the East Village was known as *Kleindeutschland*, or "Little Germany," the church has remained a cornerstone of the East Village community for over a century and a half. The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors catchment area shares in the rich history of *Kleindeutschland*.

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The building, dating to 1852, features a mix of Baroque-Romanesque and Byzantine Revival styles. Although the original 250-foot-tall tower was lowered in 1902 it continues to remain an important marker in the East Village skyline. This important historic property is worthy of designation and preservation. We are especially concerned about the future of this building because the church has recently halted masses at the site.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Bob Holman
Poet & Proprietor
Bowery Poetry Club

Sincerely,

Lucy Sante
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