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Your Excellency:

It is with great sadness that I see the continued closure of St. Patrick's Church in Lethbridge.

Historic buildings are so much more than just buildings. They provide a tangible link to our past, connecting us with our community and our families in an incredible number of ways. These structures are places of memory, reflection, and story; they help create our identity as citizens. Heritage buildings, particularly ones that are such vital parts of our community, evoke memories and a sense of pride. Through these buildings we are connected with our families and ancestors, with others in our community, and with the citizens of the past who built our community. As all of us struggle to make our city and world a better place, we owe it to ourselves and future generations to save these irreplaceable symbols of our collective history and community identity.

St. Patrick's is a significant anchor in Lethbridge's downtown. For well over 50 years, the building has graced our cityscape and it has deep and powerful connections to many people who live in our community.

On behalf of Lethbridge and Alberta history, on behalf of our citizens (past, present and future), on behalf of all of us who appreciate that in a world where so much tears us apart that we need to hold on tightly to those things that strengthen our community, I ask that you do all within your power to protect St. Patrick's Church.

Sincerely,

Belinda Crowson
President, Historical Society of Alberta

Cc: Save Our Churches Association