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Winery planned for St. George's Church, (The Old Stone Church on Route 6), Mohegan Lake, New York.

Mohegan Lake, NY September 1st, 2005 -- Thomas DeChiaro announced today that he has purchased Saint George's Church on Route 6, Mohegan Lake, NY, town of Yorktown, Westchester County.

Mr. DeChiaro said he has driven by the Old Stone Church many times during the past 13 years and always believed that someday, something wonderful would happen there. Now, he gladly assumes the responsibility of creating that new reality for this historic building.

Mr. DeChiaro is very aware of the role St. George's Church played in the spiritual life of the community and countless Catholics in Mohegan Lake, Shrub Oak and the surrounding areas. He is committed to treating the former church with the respect and sensitivity it deserves. In 1983, the building ceased being a Catholic Church when the altar stone and sacred appointments were removed and the building was sold.

For the past year, he has been searching for the perfect location to fulfill his life long dream to own and operate an upscale winery. There are approximately 185 wineries in New York State, which is second only to California in wine production. "A winery is perfect for this location. St. George's Church is warm, inviting, beautiful and historically significant."

"Our community needs a unique place like this to visit. It is the perfect setting for sampling the best New York wines, relaxing with close friends and family, or just to walk around this wonderful treasure to review its historical exhibits."

"I am looking forward to working together with the town, landmark committee and local

residents in order to breathe new life into this truly amazing and historic structure.” For more information please visit **StoneChurchInfo.com** or e-mail info@StoneChurchInfo.com.

History of Saint George’s Church:

Saint George’s Church was built in 1911-12 by Aimee La Farge Heins in memory of her husband George Heins. Saint George’s Church was donated to the Archdiocese of New York in 1913. It functioned as a Catholic Church from the day of its dedication, May 23rd 1912, until 1963 when it was renamed ***Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton*** in honor of America’s first native-born saint. In 1966, the parish moved to its present location in Shrub Oak, NY and St. George’s Church was used for weddings and baptisms until 1981.

Saint George’s Church is currently being considered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places. These Registers are the federal and state governments’ official lists of historic properties worthy of preservation. For more information contact the Historic Preservation Field Services at (518) 237-8643 or visit www.nysparks.state.ny.us.

For more than 20 years the building has been vacant and now it has a bright future.

For members of the press who are interested in attending an on-site tour of Saint George’s Church, please e-mail Mr. DeChiaro at tomde@StoneChurchInfo.com.

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