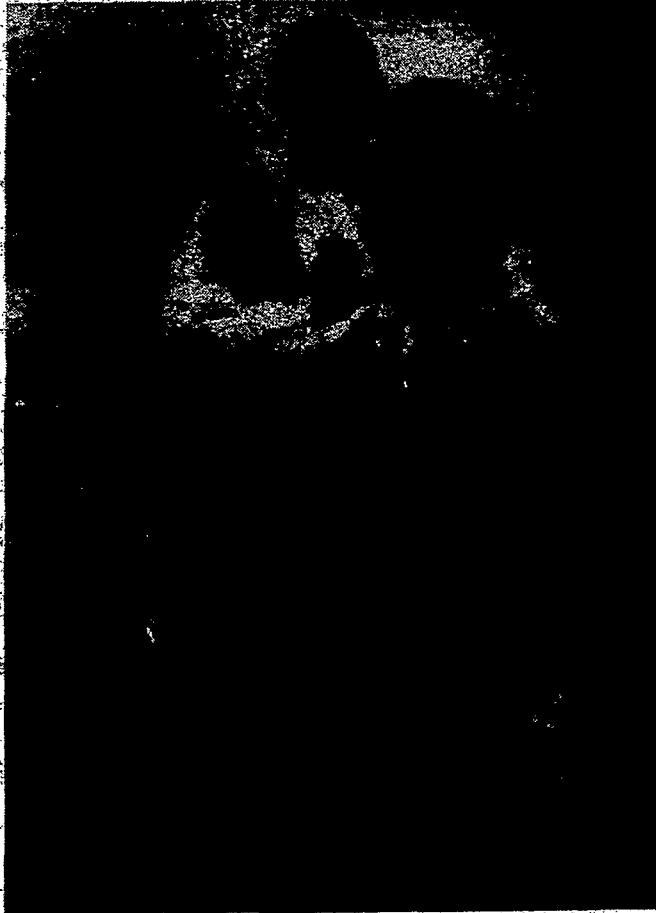




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Church Dedicated

Bishop Matthew H. Clark formally dedicated the new church of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hamlin last Monday night, Sept. 27. More than 250 attended the blessing ceremonies at the church, then joined in a candlelight procession down the road to the Firemen's Field where the bishop celebrated Mass. Clockwise, from above, Bishop Clark blesses the new church as Father William Amann, pastor, stands near; Permanent Deacon Robert Solan censens the congregation; Sister Mary Kay Ryan, center, parish director of religious education, stands with candle among the assembly during Mass.



Costellos Note 50th

Nearly 200 people attended the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Costello last Sunday at the Mapledale Party House.

The Costellos renewed their marriage vows, originally made Oct. 4, 1932, at a Mass earlier in the day at Annunciation Church. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Fathers Albert DelMonte, pastor of St. Salome's, and Louis Hohman, pastor of St. Vincent's in Churchville, concelebrated.

The couple's two children, Mrs. Josephine Wallace and Anthony J. Costello, were in

the wedding party, as were their six grandchildren.

The Costellos received letters of congratulation from President Reagan, Gov. Carey, Mayor Tom Ryan of Rochester, Reps. Frank Horton and Barber Conable and Sens. Patrick Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato.

They also received a nuptial blessing from Pope John Paul II.

The flag that flew over the White House on their anniversary date is being donated to them by Rep. Horton, who also attended the anniversary celebration.



Sam and Sadie Costello.

Canon Law

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earliest, on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29), or at the latest, the first Sunday of Lent 1983 (Feb. 20)."

It is widely expected that in promulgating the code, the pope will set a "vacatio legis" — a period of exemption before the law goes into effect — about one year.

This period of exemption allows parishes, dioceses, bishops conferences or other Church agencies and institutions some time to adapt policies and programs to fit the norms of the new law.

In cases where petition to the Vatican is required to maintain a local practice at variance with the general law, it gives time to provide such petitions.

As just one example of the changes involved, Father Thomas Green of the Catholic University of America, one of the leading U.S. experts on the new code, has listed more than 70 areas in which the new code can or will affect the work of national conferences of bishops.

Until the 20th Century, the Western Church did not have a single, systematically arranged code of laws governing it. In 1904, Pope St. Pius X ordered a complete codification of the

various principles of law and individual laws and collections of law that were used to govern the Church.

That took 13 years. In 1917, Pope Benedict XV promulgated the first Code of Canon Law, decreeing that it would take effect a year later.

To revise the 1917 code, essentially the same process was used: Pope John XXIII established a commission in 1963, which Pope Paul VI later enlarged. Successive drafts of the revised code were sent to all the world's bishops and to others designated for consultation on the new code.

The 1967 world Synod of Bishops was asked to draw up norms for revising the new code.

The final plenary meeting of the code commission, in October 1981, offered final revisions in the proposed new code and submitted it to Pope John Paul II for his approval.

The pope, who alone has the power to enact the code, could theoretically reject the whole thing or any part of it. While several Church officials have said that he is studying each and every law in the new code before approving it, there has been no indication that he will make any substantial changes.

(NEXT WEEK: A theology of law.)

Outing

West Webster. — The St. Rita Society has dated a trip to the Corning Glass Center Oct. 12. The trip will include stops at Ye Olde Wood Shoppe in Waterloo, the Gold Seal Winery and dinner at

Sorges Restaurant. The fare is \$25 and is all-inclusive. The tour leaves St. Rita's parking lot at 8 a.m. and will return at 8:30 p.m. Further information is available by calling Shirley Grassi, 671-4961, no later than today, Oct. 6.

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