



Up, Up and Away!

The inevitable boyhood fancy for kite flying has taken hold of the mind of Matthew Pegas in spite of fickle Rochester weather.

Lawyers Explain Aid to Elderly

By BONITA BALDWIN

Conservatorship is one method of controlling property, attorney Alan Illig explained last week

during a workshop in Marine Midland Plaza sponsored by the Monroe County Office for the Aging. It is used mostly for the elderly, but may be used for

WORD FOR SUNDAY



Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk 24:13-35 (R1) Acts 2:14, 22-28 (R2) 1 Pt 1:17-21

In the Sundays after Easter, the Liturgy calls up witness after witness and proof upon proof to confirm the pivotal fact of the Christian faith, namely, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

In this Sunday's liturgy, both Peter (R1) and Jesus Himself (R3) testify to the resurrection, and both of them use the Old Testament to help us understand this mystery of faith.

Because Jesus is risen He can be present to His Church till the end of time. How He is present, the Emmaus story reveals. On the road, Christ explains the Scriptures, at Emmaus, He breaks bread. Through word and sacrament, the disciples discover Christ. In every Mass the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are still the two ways Christ becomes present to His own.

That was why over thirty years ago, Karl Barth criticized the liturgical services of both Catholic and Protestant churches. Both, he said, were lacking in part. The Catholic liturgy consisted of sacrament without preaching; the Protestant liturgy has the sermon, but without sacrament. Since Vatican II, however, Barth would have to retract his criticism, for both word and sacrament have now been accorded their rightful places in the new order of the Mass.

The second reading from Peter's Epistle might be considered the practical application of the other two readings. Peter tells us to "conduct ourselves reverently during our sojourn in a

strange land." He means we ought to walk in awe, in fear, with circumspection, lest we live aimlessly or sinfully. Peter gives three reasons why we should so walk.

First, God our Father will judge us justly on the basis of our actions.

Secondly, though redeemed we still have much left to do. For we are pilgrims, sojourners in a strange land, we have not yet arrived. Heaven is our home, but we are yet on earth.

Lastly, we were delivered from an aimless life at a great price. The sum paid was neither silver nor gold. Money can do a lot of things, but suns of gold and stars of silver can not free a single soul from sin or change a single heart.

The price paid for our deliverance was "Christ's blood beyond all price." Blood is life. Life is man's supreme possession and his supreme gift. Blood shed implies violence, pain, suffering, death. Jewish Peter interpreted Christ's death in the terms of the paschal lamb. As the blood of the lamb in Egypt delivered God's people from slavery, so the "blood of a spotless and unblemished lamb" saved the world.

Why was so great a price required? Is man worth the cost? How cheaply some people can be bought! Yet man's salvation cost the blood of God's Son, for not man simply needed redemption, but man in a certain relationship with God.

For instance, people might call a man on Skid Row a worthless fellow. "Worthless" means worth nothing. Suppose this worthless man murders another and is sentenced to life imprisonment. Now no money can buy his freedom. The man who was worthless is now in a situation beyond price. In one instance the man-alone was considered; now the man is considered in relationship to the law. So it was with mankind. Jesus came to reconcile, not merely man to God, but sinful man — man alienated from God.

Since so great a price has been paid by so great a person, "conduct yourselves," St. Peter concludes, "reverently during a sojourn in a strange land."

anyone when there is substantial impairment of ability to care for property, self or dependents according to attorney James Biben.

They addressed a group of approximately 60 persons, mostly social workers from private and public agencies.

Unlike the older New York committee law which still stands but is used only when it can be shown that conservatorship is not possible, incompetency is not an issue and a jury trial is not required, although it may be requested. A conservator differs from a committee too in that he can control only property. Committee law allows for both a committee of the person and a committee of the property. It is possible now for an individual in need of personal care to have his property controlled by a conservator and his person by a committee of the person.

Illig noted that committee and conservatorship are not the only means of overseeing property. Joint ownership, power of attorney, and trusts also may be used. Conservatorship most resembles power of attorney, he said, except that power of attorney is based on consent and legally ends with incompetency or death.

"We must be very careful in our use of conservatorship law," Dr. William Hart warned at the workshop. "I would like to see older people treated as if they were anyone else. Our society believes that the elderly are worthless. The older person is prejudiced against himself, too."

A petition for the appointment of a conservator may be filed by a friend or relative, either of whom may be a potential conservator, by a social agency, or by the conservatee himself. Illig said that the opportunity for the conservatee to file personally lends dignity to the process. A petition may be started with a private lawyer, a family agency, or, in cases with limited funds, with the Monroe Legal Assistance Corporation.

PAPAL ENVOY

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul has named Cardinal Sebastiano Baggio, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops, as his special envoy to the ninth Brazilian Eucharistic Congress in 1975. The congress will be held in Manaus, northwestern Brazil, July 6-20.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

Hopscoching The Sports Beat and refusing to go along with the Bleeding Hearts who label the Yankees cruel and heartless because they turned their former ace righthander Mel Stottlemyre loose with only one month's pay. The players Union forced this situation and the Yankees won't be the first and only club to react coldly in similar situations.

Department of When Will They Ever Learn? The daily average Off Track Betting handle in New York City is down more than \$250,000 a day from a year ago. Thanks to that added 5 per cent plus tax on OTB players. The Sovereign State of New York treats horseplayers like non-citizens.

Lefty Gomez on the Banquet Circuit. He had pitched his first World Series game for the Yankees and was drinking downtown after the game from

the Bronx. "My wife was with me and I suddenly realized that I had pitched and won my first World Series game. I'd been too busy to be frightened during the ballgame. We came to a light at 125th street and I suddenly started shaking all over. I had to pull over to the curb and park a while before I recovered."

Free-loading With A Red Face. Big Ten football writers do a cloud-hopping tour of spring camps preparing their pre-season thinking and it's a fast-moving, hard-playing, eating and drinking contest. When a writer asked an Ohio State linebacker how he added so much weight over the winter, he got his answer. "Doing the same things you guys have been doing on this trip."

Yogi Berra Item No. 29605. The Mets' manager was summoned for jury duty in Hackensack, N.J. Yogi Berra asked the district attorney, "do you believe in capital punishment?"

Yeah, guess so, said Yogi, thoughtfully. "It's not too serious."

And I can hardly wait for General Manager Anthony Costello to return from his trip to Rome. He's checking for me to see whether Joe Garagiola is telling the truth about Vat 69 being an Italian Scotch.

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