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Gaps in Adoration
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Boleyn Street? Never!

A recent AP dispatch from London records the refusal of the London county council to name a street after Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII. Dr. Davies, who opposed the suggestion, observed that "her virtue was not of a character to deserve the respect of her own or subsequent ages." He added that if the name of this queen were given to a street, the young ladies of today might be prompted to ask who she was -- "and who knows what consequences might ensue?"

We have to credit the English with frankness. Even though the cornerstone of the Established Church was laid on Henry's infatuation for Anne, and England's apostasy began when Rome refused to sanction this infatuation, London's city fathers are willing that she should be forgotten.

Our President's Spiritual Outlook.

From the Catholic newspapers we take the text of a letter addressed by President Roosevelt to Col. Brasted, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army:

The Great Teacher said: "I come that ye may have life and that ye may have it more abundantly." The object of all our striving should be to realize that "abundant life."

The supreme values are spiritual. The hope of the world is that character which, built upon the solid rock, withstands triumphantly all the storms of life.

To build this exemplary character is our great task. Without it the abundant life cannot be realized, and the best citizens and best soldiers of a country are those who have put on the armor of righteousness.

Chaplains of the military and naval services and clergymen everywhere who by word and life are advancing the cause of idealism and true religion are doing a commendable work, one that is absolutely essential to the life of the nation.

We commend this brief message from the President as a succinct statement of the aims of Catholic education. It would be well for you to place it before you, to check yourself by its terms from time to time. Or you might re-cast it in this form:

1. The life of Christ is the abundant life, the life of grace, fed by the Sacraments and prayer;
2. The supreme values are spiritual, and eternity is their measure. "How will this be if I die today?" That question will determine values. Strong character will result if you use it to determine conduct.
3. Idealism, not sophistication and its resultant pessimism, makes for progress in the right direction. Choose good companions, guard your reading, spend long hours before the Blessed Sacrament if you would keep your ideals high.

Idealism has not many cloisters in America today outside the Catholic Church. In higher education especially the outlook proposed to the student is almost entirely materialistic, utilitarian. Our own graduates go through a period of disillusionment after they leave school. Some of them are so weak that they never recover; some fall but come back; some always hold their heads high. These are our hope.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Steve Condon's father; Edmund Hammer's grandmother; Len Hoppe's grandfather; a priest friend of Bob Ervin; two relatives of students. Ill - Louie Alaman's mother; Joseph Dalsey, '32 (operation); the brother of Gerald Klein, '32. Four special intentions.