THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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There is one polit in this law onflive
that meritit particular attention the
forgiveness of injuries. It it a decid. dily practical subject, not only becaue
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oo ho nature and e
tion to exercise it.
To pardon our enemies, no matter
how grievousl they have offended, $n$
natter how considerably they
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Theretie If thou offerest thy gift at the alt
and there shalt remember that thy iny brotherst go and be reconciled thy gitt., What does this mean,
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not this preeept so much at heart accompa
that we
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ants-aye, may suffer mat to our enemy, it is all in in vain. What
Because we are wanting in an pess
Beat tial point of the law; becaise wo to
not the virtue of charity .nd
out charity we, like St. Paul, are
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 a liar and a hypocrited on arvorthy on
name of Christian. It follows that th
no able duty on the part of a pract herwise a reguar ife, who rrequen
he Sacranents, do oood work, giv
ood example, and nevertheless
pre rve in their inmost hearts a feeln
resentment, a germ of hatred, revenge, a dispositio
secretly to repoico vert the humiliatio
dowfall of their enemies, - su $\underset{\substack{\text { To cor } \\ \text { forgive } \\ \text { enemy } \\ \text { never }}}{\text { and }}$
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gling with, conquering and
outing the demon of hat in his heart, is nothing else
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call himself a soldier of Jesus Chr love those who detest us an lose oo opportunity in injuring
our fortunu er good name? Mo
suredly we are, for Christ ex
 bound to love them with the con
tial love, the affectionate regard,
we entertain for we owe them at least a patient
devoid of all rancor ; we should
their from making them public. We
them a benevolent love, prayin
 In it thus that we act in our no
every day lufe Aas! how man
lusions about this matter do
 get what he has done"""II "I
bear him any ill will, but let
his road and IIll go mine. his road ave anthing more to
want to have nythe hight on the
him. I cant
Bat it is not enough to bear
 can. If, instead of feeli
cting thus, we keep spite earis, nourish projects of rev
re pleased when evil is spoken of retaliating upon him, wo lac
charity which God exacts from u deliberately lock ourselves oute.
portals of divine forgiveness.
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heart? . Forgive us our tre
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