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**2019 Public Policy Weekend—Diocese of Rochester
Petition supporting the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act**

The labor of tens of thousands of farmworkers brings food to our tables. However, New York State labor law categorically denies farmworkers basic rights and protections enjoyed by virtually all other workers. These exclusions mean that, unlike other workers, farmworkers do not have the right to: a guaranteed day of rest per week; overtime pay; employer contributions to disability insurance; public health protections including sanitation and housing standards; or protections while bargaining collectively.

Farming is a vital part of the New York State economy. Economic policies that protect family farms are essential. We urge the legislature to support New York State farmers along with farmworkers. We believe that the sacred human dignity of every man, woman, and child, without exception, should be respected and that the basic rights of all workers should be recognized.

Therefore, we urge the New York State Assembly, Senate, and Governor Cuomo to support the **Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act** ending the exclusion of farmworkers from basic rights and granting them equal treatment under our labor laws.

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