

# **AN OPEN LETTER TO BISHOP HOGAN FROM ERNEST & JULIO GALLO**

**Your Excellency:**

In a statement released by your office last Wednesday, you called for support of the UFW in a boycott of Gallo wines in Rochester over the issue of secret ballot elections for farm workers.

**May we respond:**

There is historic farm labor legislation pending today in California that will provide secret ballot elections for farm workers.

Gallo has long and publicly supported such legislation.

The Bishops' Committee on Farm Labor of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops also called for such legislation.

*The UFW now also supports this exact same legislation.*

This historic farm labor legislation can become law in a few weeks if we all work together. To do otherwise could well jeopardize its passage.

This is a time for all of us to join together to give farm workers the same rights and protection enjoyed by most other union members.

Social justice for farm workers is a goal we all are seeking. It will never be achieved through illegal and immoral boycotts. It can only come from people of good faith seeking and finding a solution under law.

Respectfully,

*Ernest & Julio Gallo*