1. INTRODUCTION

The fraternal animation is an evangelical and Franciscan accompaniment service that the OFS offers to youngsters (YouFra and NiFra, Franciscan children).

The youth needs to have somewhere to look up to, they need to see people who assume their vocation, their gifts and also their limitations. And the Animator will be the one who, being close to youngsters, will make an effort to awaken in their hearts the desire to embrace and go on during their life the vocation that they have received.

The fraternal animator does not represent himself or herself before the young people, but the Franciscan fraternity to which he or she belongs. It is not an individual mission, but a mission of the fraternity that the Animator will undertake together with the youth.

The animator must be an instrument of communion between the OFS and YouFra at all levels, by participating in and accompanying the daily life of the YouFra fraternity. And, above all, the animator should:

- Be alongside the YouFra Council and the OFS Council, fostering integration between the OFS and YouFra. Ensure appropriate Franciscan formation that helps youngsters to place at center of their life the person and the teachings of Christ, recognizing that the YouFra has an organization and specific formation methods suitable for the youth. Collaborate in the growth of the spirituality of the YouFra Council.
- Implement the creation of new fraternities of YouFra, especially in the fraternities of the OFS where there is no YouFra.
- Attend to gatherings, meetings and chapter of the Franciscan Youth, since the YouFra also has moments similar in nature to those of the OFS for living out the Franciscan charisma and strengthening fraternal bonds.

In this way, young people who feel called to the Franciscan life will discover a treasure in the Franciscan Order.
Therefore, a fraternal animator is someone who:

- Has the mission to bear witness of evangelical life.

- Recognises that their vocation given by God as a layperson is the source that inspires them to animate.

- Accompanies personal and community processes.

- Promotes the Franciscan spirituality and vocation.

- Encourages formation and fraternal life.

- Motivates communion with the OFS, the Church, and other groups.

Ultimately, a fraternal animator is not:

- A group coordinator or leader.

- A traditional catechist.

- Someone who imposes decisions.

2. WORKSHOP EXPLANATION. Group work.

Each of the six existing groups must choose one representative, who will select an envelope of a different colour. Envelopes will be chosen in reverse order, starting with Group 6 and ending with Group 1.

Inside the envelop there will be:

- A card presenting a situation to work on
- A card with 4 questions to reflect on that situation.

Each group will be located in a different space and when all the members of the group arrive in that space you will have to:

- Read the situation together.
- Reflect and discuss the questions as a group.
- Summarise the key points (main ideas, solutions, tools, etc.) on a sheet of card located in your designated area.