Brotherly Promotion

**Notes for the animator**

Community animation activity

Topic: **enhancing positive outlook on confreres**

Time needed: 10 – 20 minutes

**Introduction**

This activity can be used during a provincial assembly, or in a meeting among confreres that know each other fairly well.

The objective of this activity is to practice positive thinking about each other’s qualities and talents. We all learn from each other, and we need each other more than we usually remember.

**Steps**

1. Ask each confrere in the assebly to choose three confreres among those who are present or those who belong to the province. He may choose any three people he knows, *but prefearebly not his best friends only*. Let him write down the three names, to make sure he will not change them later on.
2. Each confreres is handed out 3 small sheets of paper (*see following page, to be cut in 3*). Each one contains a different sentence, to be completed.
3. The confreres are invited to fill in the 3 small sheets of paper, one for each of the confreres they had chosen at the beginning of the activity.  
   *This might take some 10-15 minutes.*
4. Once time is up, the confrere is free to keep the leaflets for himself or to give them to his confreres, even anonimously. The important thing is that he has already exercised positive thinking. Surely, sharing adds value to the activity, but one should not be forced to it.
5. Confreres might be invited by the animator to repeat this exercise in their own communities, either in the same written form or otherwise.

*Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*From you I learn…*

*Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*I see that your missionary work helps you to…*

*Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*I appreciate in you that fact that you are able to…*