

My fear is that young people grow without roots

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I am religious No. 766 in the *Catalogue*. I was asked to write a “letter with passion” about the *Constitutions*.

As a title for the article, I chose the words of Pope Francis in, “The Strength of a Vocation: Consecrated Life Today.” “My fear is that young people are growing up without roots.” It is a fear that I acknowledge, and I wonder if the lack of roots of young people does not come from the lack of roots and superficiality of adults. This is something we have already experienced for some years in Passionist life. The *Constitutions* were at the center our study and reflection after Vatican II. The recent doctoral thesis of Fr. Graziano Leonardo (MAPRAES) addresses this reality.

After a great deal of cancellare on something, we quickly tire of it. The best of food fills us up and we don't want to eat it again. In Lent we prepare liturgies and celebrations; Easter comes and we're tired and we don't want to do anything. So it is with the *Constitutions*-- a book that is read, at times, and which remains in the library. At the 2010 Synod [of the Claretians], the present Cardinal Aquilino Bocas, CMF, said that the result of a 2007 survey about how

