

Blessed Carlo Acutis

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96% of Italians are Catholic, only 26% practice their faith. As modern technology races through society, will the Catholic faith be believed? One young boy in Italy still believes that Jesus is in the Eucharist. His faith will be heard around the world.

Carlo Acutis puts Jesus first in his life, forgoing playing soccer with his friends and frequently going into Church to pray. He encourages his friends in faith and seeks advice from his parish priest Fr. Mario.

His friend Gio is skeptical of his faith and doesn't share his enthusiasm. Carlo shares his sadness at his friends' lack of faith with Fr. Mario.



Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

Carlo became an altar server. He went to confession every week. He loved learning more about God. His parents did not go to church so Carlo went to daily Mass on his own.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute.

Carlo was fascinated when he heard stories about Eucharistic miracles. He traveled to as many places as he could with his family and learned all about them. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.