Blessed Carlo Acutis

"What is important is to help young people understand that they are called to be saints." In the Church of Maria Maggiore in Assisi Italy, rests the body of a 15-year-old boy who lived his life completely in love with the Eucharist.

From a young age, Carlo had a deep love for the Church and the Eucharist. He loved going to Mass and dreamed of the day he would be able to make his First Communion. He asked to receive this Sacrament at the age of six. At seven, he received his First Communion. He described the Eucharist as the center of his life, the highway to Heaven, and the way we can most become like Christ. Growing up, Carlo saw the need in people's hearts for Communion with Christ and decided to make it His goal to bring people to Him. Every day he would spend time at Mass and in Adoration adoring Jesus. At age 11, he was shocked at how many people didn't attend Mass and didn't believe in Jesus's full presence in the Eucharist. He knew that if people only knew of all the Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place, they would believe. He then made a website dedicated to all the Eucharistic Miracles in the entire world for people to see! The site contains about 150 Eucharistic Miracles in categories by their country. Because of his devotion and willingness to spread the faith, many have come to believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, including his mother.

Even as a young boy, he was always centered on living a meaningful life. He loved video games, but realized how many people are addicted to it, so he limited himself to only an hour of video games per week! What an inspiration to young people today. In a generation that is addicted to their phones, Carlo used technology as a tool to evangelize. This was his main goal in creating his website. He wanted his website to get people off of their screens and back into the Church. His goal was to draw the attention of people back to Jesus. He said, "Sadness is when we gaze at ourselves. Happiness is when we gaze at God."

At the age of 15, Carlo was diagnosed with Leukemia and died a week later on October 12, 2006. Prior to the diagnosis, Carlo had been silently suffering and offering his sufferings for the Pope, the Church, and to go to Heaven. Carlo knew he was going to die, yet he was full of grace. He filmed himself smiling saying, "I am destined to die." He was not afraid of death because he knew death was the passage to eternal life. He hid his sufferings till he couldn't anymore. On the way to the hospital, with a smile, he told his parents, "I will not come out of this hospital alive." When asked if he was suffering, he'd respond, "there's others suffering more than me." He'd say "We need to live every day like it is the last day of our life." All the doctors were in shock of the joy and peace Carlo radiated.

His life is an inspiration and model for people everywhere that we too can strive for holiness and be saints. We can each truly make a difference in the world. God is calling each of us to be saints today.

His canonization is set to take place on September 7th, 2025. He will be the first millennial saint!

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Link to the Eucharistic Miracles website of Carlo: https://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html

Interview with Bl. Carlo's mother: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8E5vTpL_Ew

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