



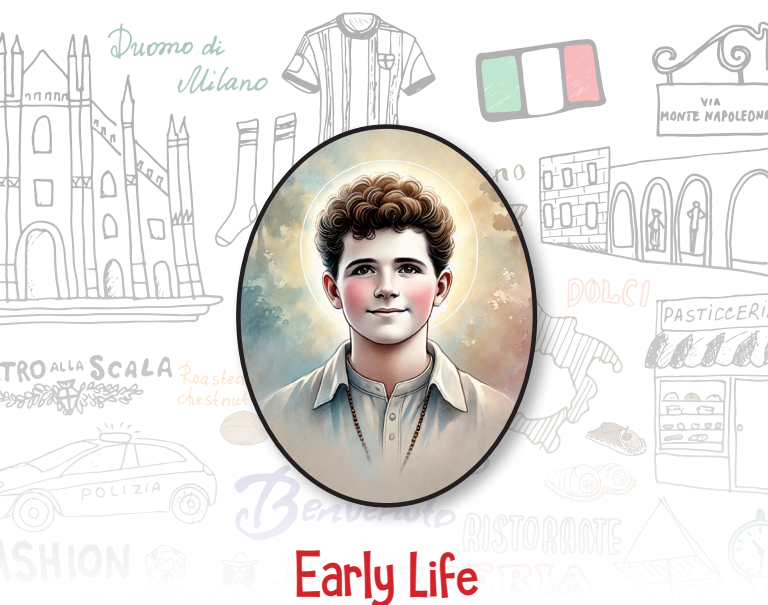
# Carlo Acutis

*The First Millennial Saint*



*“To always be close to Jesus,  
that’s my life plan.”*

**– CARLO ACUTIS**



## Early Life

### Who Was Carlo Acutis?

Carlo Acutis was the son of Italian parents, born on May 3, 1991 in London, England. While Carlo was still very young, his parents moved back to Milan, Italy, where he was raised.

Carlo was a happy and bright child with an eager mind. He had a strong curiosity and always wanted to learn more about anything around him. Carlo's parents were not super



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religious, but somehow Carlo found a strong connection to God from an early age. It was as if faith was something he just naturally understood.



When Carlo was only seven-years-old he asked his parents if he could receive his First Holy Communion. Both the church and his parents agreed that he was ready. This was

very special since Carlo was younger than most children who receive their First Holy Communion, but Carlo's deep faith and love for God had shown to all those around him. Carlo had his First Holy Communion at a special monastery in Milan.

After receiving Communion, Carlo made a promise to attend mass every day, which he did for the rest of his life. For Carlo,





the Eucharist was the most important thing in the world, because it was his way of being close to Jesus.

Even as a young boy, Carlo understood the true value of the Eucharistic connection with God. This is something that takes most people a lifetime to realize.

Though Carlo had his strong faith, he still thoroughly enjoyed his child-like fun by playing soccer and video games with friends and being around animals.



But, even in the middle of his everyday activities, Carlo always made time for his faith. He prayed often and tried to live in a way that reflected the teachings of Jesus. His deep love for God wasn't something he kept hidden—it was just a natural part of who he was.



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# Carlo and Computers

## A Modern Kid with a Special Talent

Carlo was born in the early 1990s, a time when technology was beginning to take off. Computers, the internet, and video games were becoming a big part of life, and like many kids his age, Carlo was fascinated by all of it.

He had a natural talent for using computers, and by the time he was a teenager, he could do some pretty amazing things with them. He could build websites, design graphics, edit videos, and write computer code. It was clear that Carlo wasn't just interested in computers for fun—he had a real gift for technology.





Although Carlo was very talented in video games and other technology-driven hobbies, he knew that he could utilize this special gift and had that goal in mind. He wanted to help people learn more about God and knew technology could be his voice of faith for others.

One of Carlo's most impressive projects was creating a website to document Eucharistic miracles from all over the world. These miracles are special events where Catholics believe Jesus reveals His presence in the Eucharist in amazing ways. Carlo researched over 150 of these miracles and created a website where people could learn about these miracles. His hope was that by showing people these miracles, they would grow to love and respect the Eucharist as much as he did.

In Carlo's eyes, technology was a gift from God, and he wanted to use it in the best way possible.

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Visit Carlo's Eucharistic Miracle Site at:  
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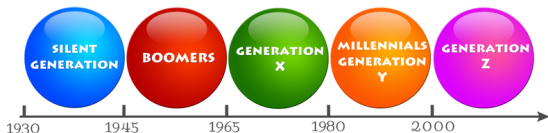


*“The internet can be used for good things or for bad things. We must always use it for good, to communicate the truth.”*

**- CARLO ACUTIS**



# Why is Carlo Called a “Millennial Saint”?



Carlo Acutis is often referred to as the first “Millennial Saint” because he was born in 1991, during the Millennial generation.

People in this generation, often called “Millennials,” grew up with the internet, cell phones, and video games—things that people from earlier times did not have.

Many people think of saints as people who lived a long time ago, but Carlo is proof that even people in today’s world can live holy lives. He knew how to balance his love of video games, computers, and social media with his faith in God.

He understood the influence and importance of what technology had to offer and chose



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to use it wisely and not get distracted by things like materialism or popularity.

Carlo was never worried about having the latest gadgets or clothes; instead, he focused on using what he had to help others and remain close to God.

## A Sudden Illness and Carlo's Death

### A Hero's Faith in Hard Times

When Carlo was 15 years old, his life took an unexpected turn. In 2006, he was diagnosed with a serious form of leukemia, a type of cancer that affects the blood. This was shocking because Carlo had been a healthy, active teenager who loved life.

Despite this terrible news, Carlo remained hopeful and positive. He accepted his illness





with courage and faith. He offered up his suffering for the Church, the Pope and anyone in need.

Even though he was very sick, Carlo never complained. He continued to focus on his love for God and his desire to help others. Carlo once said, "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things that do not please God." These words show how deeply Carlo trusted in God's plan for his life, even though he didn't know why he was suffering.

Carlo died on October 12, 2006, in Monza, Italy. His body was later moved to Assisi, a town he loved because of its connection to St. Francis of Assisi, a saint Carlo greatly admired. Carlo's death was heartbreaking for his family and friends, but his faith and courage inspired many people to see life in a new way.





# Why Carlo was Sainted

## Steps to Sainthood

Soon after Carlo's death, people began to see that he had lived a truly extraordinary life, even though he was only 15. His deep love for the Eucharist, his kindness toward others, and his use of technology to spread his faith made him stand out. In 2013, the Catholic Church began investigating Carlo's life to see if he should be recognized as a saint.

Becoming a saint in the Catholic Church involves several steps. First, the person must be declared "Venerable," meaning that the Church recognizes they lived a life full of virtue and faith. In 2018, Pope Francis declared Carlo "Venerable," marking the first official step toward sainthood.

The next step is "Beatification" which requires proof that the person has performed a miracle. In Carlo's case, a miracle happened in Brazil in 2013. A little boy who was very sick with a rare condition was healed after



his family prayed to Carlo for help. After the Vatican carefully studied this event, they confirmed it was a miracle through Carlo's interces-

sion (this means that Carlo had helped bring about the healing from Heaven). On October 10, 2020, Carlo Acutis was officially beatified in Assisi, the town he loved so much. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony was live streamed so people from all over the world could watch it. This seems fitting for someone like Carlo, who believed in using the internet to bring people closer to God.

Beatification is an important step toward becoming a saint, but it's not the last one. To be fully declared a saint, there needs to be another confirmed miracle. This second miracle was recognized by the Vatican on May 23, 2024



when a Costa Rican woman named Valeria Valverde was near death after a bicycle accident in 2022. Her mother, Lilliana, prayed at Acutis's tomb and Valeria made a miraculous recovery.

Pope Francis recognized these two miracles of Carlo Acutis, along with the powerful impact his life continues to have on people around the world, in declaring Carlo's canonization (officially declared a saint) on April 27, 2025 during the Jubilee of Youth.

*“The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.”*

**– CARLO ACUTIS**





## Carlo's Legacy

### An Inspiration for Young People

Carlo's story has inspired many young people. He wasn't a monk living in a distant past or a person who lived a very different life from kids today. He was just a regular boy who liked playing video games, going to school, and hanging out with friends. But what made him stand out was his incredible love for God and his desire to help others know about Jesus.

Carlo is a role model for today's generation, showing that you don't have to be perfect or live in some faraway time to be a saint. You can live a holy life right where you are, using the things you love, like technology, to serve God and help others.

Carlo also teaches us that being close to Jesus, especially through the Eucharist, is one of the best ways to live a life full of joy and purpose. He once said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven," showing just how important this sacrament was to him.

Today, Saint Carlo Acutis reminds us that faith and technology can work together. By using his talents and his love for God, Carlo changed the world in a short time, and his legacy continues to inspire people of all ages to use their gifts for good.



Now that Carlo Acutis has been declared a saint he stands as a model of how to live a life of faith in a modern world. His story shows that no matter who you are or where you come from, you can make a big difference by living your faith, loving others, and sharing the gifts that God has given you.