



Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

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Saint Carlo Acutis

Patron Saint of Computer Programmers and Youths

Canonized on 07 September 2025 by Pope Leo XIV



WHO IS

Saint Carlo Acutis?



Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy, where he grew up.

Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying:

'I offer all of my suffering to the Lord, for the Pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven'



From a young age, Carlo **had a special love for God**. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation and her wedding.

But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his First Holy Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible. **Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother.**

He managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.

Antonia Salzano (Carlo's mother) spoke to "EWTN News Nightly" in October 2023 about her son's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: **"He used to say, 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament' ...** So, for him the Eucharist was the centre of his life."





Rajesh Mohur

Carlo Acutis

Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptized. Rajest Mohur, who worked for the Acutis family as an au pair when Carlo was young, converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlo's witness. Carlo taught Mohur how to pray the rosary and told him about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Mahur said that one of the things that most impressed him as a non-Christian was the witness of Carlo's **love and concern for the poor**, how he interacted with the homeless man who would sit at the entrance of the church and would bring tupperware dishes filled with food out to people living on the streets.



Carlo **wasn't afraid to defend Church teaching**, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Many of Carlo's high school classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defence for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom discussion about abortion.

Carlo **was a faithful friend**. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, particularly a classmate with special needs. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the **importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.**



EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES - DESIGNED AND CREATED BY CARLO ACUTIS



To view website created by Carlo Acutis

Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes in five continents.

His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the **scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.**

“I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God.”

~ Saint Carlo Acutis ~

Carlo died on **October 12, 2006** and was buried in Assisi. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers. He was beatified on October 10, 2020 and canonized on September 7, 2025 by Pope Leo XIV.

His feast is celebrated each year on **October 12**. Saint Carlo Acutis is the patronage for youths and computer programmers.



We are deeply privileged and profoundly honoured to have in our parish a **First-Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis (his hair)**, through which the faithful may be drawn closer to Christ by the witness and intercession of this modern saint.





PRAYER TO SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone.

You made him become enamoured with Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven".

You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped.

Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need ... (mention your intention in silence) And make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine again for us in the glory of your name. Amen.

("Our Father", "Hail Mary",
"Glory be to God")

15 Inspirational Quotes by Saint Carlo Acutis

"The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".

"Jerusalem is right on our doorstep."

"There are people who suffer much more than me."

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

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"Not me, but God."

"Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us."

"Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."

"The Eucharist is the highway to heaven."

"Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."

"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."

"Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."

"The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy."

"Our soul is like a hot air balloon. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again. . . It is important to go to confession often."



AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE PROT. N. 2.009

EX CORPORE OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS



THE BISHOP OF ASSISI-NOCERA UMBRA-GUALDO TADINO

To all and singular who shall inspect the present letters, we make known and testify that, for the greater glory of Almighty God and the veneration of His Saints, from the authentic relics which are kept by us, we have taken from the authentic places this particle from the hair of

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS,

and have reverently placed the same in a small golden case, of round shape, secured with crystal, well sealed, tied with a red silk cord, and safeguarded with our seal, and have handed over so that it may be kept pious custody and exposed to the veneration of the faithful for their spiritual benefit, according to the norms of the Canon Law.

In witness whereof, we have issued these testimonial letters, signed by our own hand and sealed with our seal.

Given at Assisi, on the 4th day of the month of April, in the year 2025.

Signed by **Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino,**
Bishop of Assisi - Nocera Umbra - Gualdo Tadino