

First Millennial Saint Carlo Acutis

Born in 1991, Carlo Acutis will be beatified Divine Mercy [Sunday April 27, 2025](#).

At the age of seven, Carlo told his mother: "To always be united to Jesus: this is my life plan." Carlo sought to attend daily Mass as often as possible at the parish church across the street from his elementary school in Milan.

Carlo called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven" and he did all in his power to make this presence known. His witness inspired his own parents to return to practicing the Catholic faith.

Carlo loved computers, animals, and video games. Carlo was convinced that the evidence of Eucharistic miracles could help people to realize that Jesus is present at every Mass.

Carlo worked to put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that premiered in 2005 during the Year of the Eucharist proclaimed by Pope John Paul II.

Many that knew Carlo testified how he brought them closer to God. Carlo was not shy to speak about the Mass, Jesus in the Eucharist, and heaven.

Carlo died at the age of 15 in 2006 after being diagnosed with leukemia. Before he died, Carlo told his mother: "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."