

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



“I can die happy,” he told his mother, “because I haven’t wasted even a minute on things that aren’t pleasing to God.”

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Blessed Carlo Acutis was beatified last year and will be the first Millennial saint. He was born in 1991 and grew up in Milan, Italy. When he was a young boy, Carlo liked to go on walks with his mom through their town. He would go into churches and place flowers at Mary’s feet. This surprised his parents, who were not practicing Catholics. Carlo’s wonder inspired his parents to re-devote themselves to the Church.

Once he received his First Communion at age 7, Carlo attended daily Mass and weekly Confession. He prayed the Rosary daily and spent time in front of the tabernacle.

Carlo didn’t understand how people didn’t recognize the beauty of the Eucharist. He would say, “They’ll stand in line for hours to go to a concert, but won’t stay even a moment before the tabernacle.” Eager to bring people to Jesus, Carlo created a website to document Eucharistic miracles. He traveled all over, visiting different shrines and taking photos for his website.

Not only was Carlo passionate about his faith, but he was also passionate about his many hobbies – computer programming, coding, video games, soccer, making silly videos with his friends and dogs, and watching his favorite TV show, Pokémon. He set time limits for himself on video games and TV because he didn’t want to become obsessed with them. Carlo was so outgoing and charismatic that everyone knew and liked him. He talked to people on the street, made friends with the homeless, stood up to bullies and was a listening ear and motivator to his soccer friends.

Carlo was 15 when he died from leukemia, and his incorrupt body is on display in Assisi, Italy. He is the patron of youth, the internet, computer programmers, gamers and soccer players. Pray through the intercession of Blessed Carlo for the health, safety and anxieties of your youth as you embark on a new school year.

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