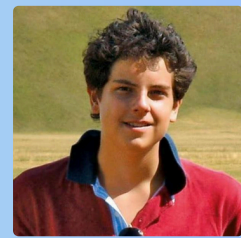


St Carlo Acutis

The Modern Patron of the Digital Age

Exploring the Life and Legacy of a Tech-Savvy Young Saint



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Stage 2

St Carlo Acutis: The Cyber-Apostle of the Eucharist

Who was Carlo Acutis?

Imagine a Saint who loved playing Pokémon and PlayStation, hung out with friends, played football, and was a genius at coding computers. That is exactly who St Carlo Acutis was! Born in 1991, Carlo was an ordinary boy with an extraordinary heart. He lived in Milan, Italy. While he loved normal tech-savvy kid activities, his absolute favourite place to be was at Holy Mass. He called the Eucharist "**my highway to Heaven.**"

Tragically, Carlo died from an illness called leukemia when he was just 15 years old, but his incredible work lives on.

Carlo's Big Project: Eucharistic Miracles

Carlo noticed that many people didn't realise how special the Eucharist truly is. Catholics believe in Transubstantiation—the moment during Mass when the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, even though they still look and taste like ordinary bread and wine.

To help people believe, God has sometimes given us Eucharistic Miracles. These are rare, incredible events where the host visibly transforms into real human heart tissue or bleeds. Carlo used his amazing computer programming skills to build a huge website mapping out every single recorded Eucharistic Miracle in history so the whole world could see the evidence.

Task 1: Fill in the Blanks

Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences!

Word Bank: PlayStation, Highway, Website, Miracle, Eucharist

1. Carlo Acutis loved normal things, like playing on his
2. Carlo said that the was his "..... to Heaven."
3. A Eucharistic is an amazing sign from God that shows Jesus is truly present in the host.
4. Carlo used his tech skills to build a brilliant to share these miracles online.

Task 2: Case Study – The Miracle of Lanciano

Read the story of one of the most famous miracles Carlo researched, then answer the questions.

Long ago in the 700s, a priest in Lanciano, Italy, was struggling to believe that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist. One morning, as he said the prayers of consecration, the bread suddenly turned into real human Flesh and the wine turned into real Blood. Many centuries later, modern scientists examined it with advanced equipment. They discovered something astonishing: the Flesh is actually a piece of human heart muscle, and the Blood is Type AB (the exact same rare blood type found on the Shroud of Turin!).

Questions:

1. What did the priest in the story struggle to do before the miracle happened?
○ _____
2. What part of the human body did scientists discover the holy host had turned into?
○ _____

Task 3: The "Original" Challenge

Carlo once said a very famous quote: "All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies." He meant that God made you unique and special, so you shouldn't just copy everyone else to fit in!

In the space below, draw or write 3 unique talents or traits God gave YOU that make you an "Original", not a photocopy:

[My Unique Gifts]

Closing Prayer

Dear Saint Carlo Acutis, You showed me that young people can use modern technology to do amazing things for God. Help me to love Holy Mass as much as you did, and to always remember that Jesus is truly with me in the Eucharist. Amen.