

# Sainthood Saturday: Blessed Carlo Acutis

## Who is he?

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in Italy. From a very early age, he was a wiz with a computer. He was fascinated by the Eucharistic miracles and spent years researching all the ones recorded in history. He took all the information he gathered and created a website with his computer skills to allow everyone the chance to learn more about them.

Throughout his life, he battled with leukemia. Even then, he inspired others to have faith in Christ and to believe in the Gospel. He died in 2006 at the age of 15.



## Our first millennial saint?

There are four steps a person goes through to be canonized, or called a saint:

1. A formal request is made that a person be considered a saint. A bishop gathers information and listens to witnesses. If the bishop agrees, the person is given the title "Servant of God."
2. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints review the bishop's information. If they decide that person was indeed virtuous in his/her faith, that person is given the title "Venerable."
3. If that person was a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to him/her, that person is given the title "Blessed."
4. If one more miracle is attributed to that person, he/she is canonized as a "Saint."

Carlo was granted the title "Blessed" in October 2020. Other miracles witnesses attribute to him are currently being reviewed. If he becomes a saint soon, he will become the first millennial saint. Carlo is a great reminder to all of us that saints aren't super-human beings, but one of us that made a choice to dedicate their lives to Christ. Carlo loved video games and playing with his friends, yet his devotion to Jesus came first.

## Want to learn more?

Carlo's website dedicated to the Eucharistic Miracles: <http://www.miracolieucaistici.org/en/liste/list.html>

Carlo Acutis Documentary: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&feature=youtu.be&v=YUOgYiw\\_OZ0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&feature=youtu.be&v=YUOgYiw_OZ0)

4 Steps to Becoming a Saint:

[https://www.catholichawaii.org/media/314379/canonization\\_4\\_steps\\_to\\_becoming\\_a\\_saint.pdf](https://www.catholichawaii.org/media/314379/canonization_4_steps_to_becoming_a_saint.pdf)



*"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."*