

Carlo Acutis

(1991 - 2006)



1991

MAY 3

Carlo is born in London to Italian parents Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano. The family moves to Milan shortly after his birth.

MAY 18

He is baptized in the London church of Our Lady of Sorrows.

1995

(1995 - 2000) He spends his childhood in Milan, attending local schools. From a very young age, Carlo shows a special sensitivity towards faith, prayer and the Eucharist.

1998

JUNE 16

He obtains special permission to receive his First Holy Communion at the age of seven. The celebration takes place in the Monastery of the Romites dell'Ordine di Sant'Ambrogio ad Nemus in Bernaga di Perego (Lecco).

2000

(2000 - 2006) He goes to regular confession and daily Mass. When he cannot go to Mass because of commitments at school, he prays spiritual communions. He prays the Rosary every day and has a growing interest in the teachings of the Church and the lives of the saints.

2002

(2002 - 2006) Carlo is a computer enthusiast: he teaches himself to program and design websites. An apostle of the Eucharist, he creates an international exhibition on Eucharistic miracles, with photos and historical descriptions of about 136 Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Church that have taken place around the world, over the centuries.

2003

Carlo and his family make several pilgrimages to Assisi (where he spent most of his summer vacations), Lourdes, and Fatima.

MAY 24

He receives the sacrament of Confirmation in the church of Santa Maria Segreta.

2005

He begins to think of holiness as a vocation for everyone:
"Sadness is looking at oneself; happiness is looking at God."

SEPTEMBER

He begins a classical baccalaureate at the Istituto Leone XIII (Leo XIII Institute) in Milan. Despite the demanding curriculum, he decides to spend part of his time preparing children for Confirmation and taking care of the parish website.

SUMMER

He designs a new website for the Leo XIII Institute and coordinates volunteers for many classes in a national competition.

2006

OCTOBER 1

He feels the first symptoms of a serious illness. He is hospitalized and diagnosed with an aggressive form of fulminant leukemia (M3).

OCTOBER 12

Carlo dies at the age of 15, offering his sufferings "for the Pope and the Church."

Carlo wanted to be buried in Assisi, the city of St. Francis. He is first interred in his family's tomb in Ternengo (Biella). In February 2007, his remains are transferred to the municipal cemetery of Assisi, and in April 2019, his body is taken to the Sanctuary of the Spoliation in the church of St. Mary Major in Assisi.

JULY 5, 2018

Pope Francis proclaims him Venerable, recognizing his heroic virtues.

OCTOBER 10, 2020

He is beatified in Assisi after the recognition of a miracle attributed to his intercession.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Pope Leo XIV proclaims him a saint.

The liturgical feast of Carlo Acutis is October 12

