



# Beyond Baptism

Engaging Laity  
Empowering Hearts  
Sharing the Real Presence

Encounter Christ through the Eucharist



Blessed Carlo Acutis was Born May 3rd, 1991 to Italian Parents. He grew up in Milan, Italy and attended a Jesuit highschool. Born to non-practicing Catholic Parents, Carlo from a young age was dedicated to Jesus and Our Lady. He would recite the rosary daily, and after receiving his First Communion at 7, strove to attend daily mass and weekly confession.

Carlo Acutis is notably described as being a friend to many, and growing up would often reach out to other kids at his school or at his church and invite them over or offer kind words. Carlo's faith informed all of his actions, and his love for Christ was contagious and evident from a very young age. Carlo loved going to church, and through this love, converted his own mother back to the Church. She is quoted as saying she grew up in a secular family, and it was the constant questions about the faith, and Carlo's devotion that led her to reflect and come back to the Church. His mother refers to him as "her little savior".

Carlos, being one of the first millennial saints, has many living eyewitness testimonies from those who encountered him. One beggar outside of the local church recalls that Acutis stopped everyday to give him a coin and chat. Another man, Rajesh Mohur, was a family man of the Hindu religion and Brahmin caste that Carlo befriended and spoke to about the Christ in the eucharist. Today Mohur has been baptized a Catholic. Carlo reflected the hands and feet of Christ, letting his love for the Mass work in loving and evangelizing those around him.

Perhaps Carlo's most significant attribute, was his deep love for the Eucharist. Often spending time in Eucharistic adoration, Carlo stated that the Eucharist was his "highway to heaven" and that when "we face the sun we become tan... but when we place ourselves in front of the Eucharistic Jesus we become saints." His love for the Eucharist did not dim even after he was diagnosed with leukemia and a brain tumor. In fact, Carlo spent the rest of his days coding and creating a website tracking all the Eucharistic miracles. He died of a Brain Hemorrhage on October 3rd, 2006 at the age of 15.

Carlo expressed that he wanted to reach as many people about the Eucharist as he could, and that he was concerned about the growing number of empty pews and people distancing themselves from church. In light of this, Carlo began researching many of the Eucharistic miracles, and putting his genius website skills to use. The eucharistic miracles he read about even led him to dedicating his family to the sacred heart, and on his death bed exclaiming the goodness of God and a life lived for him. Let us in this Lenten season remember the words of Carlo Acutis, that "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven", and pray that while fasting in the desert we may more fervently desire and feast on the the mana from heaven that is Jesus Christ.



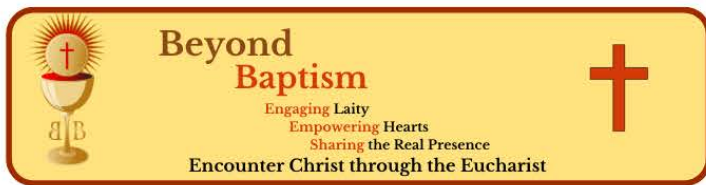
## Holy Thursday: The Institution of the Eucharist

The feast of Maundy (or Holy) Thursday solemnly commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and is the oldest of the observances peculiar to Holy Week. Holy Thursday is where it all began for us, as the Church draw its life from the Eucharist, and is the heart of the mystery of the Church. In the Church we celebrate the liturgy of that most reverent evening, doing as Christ did, and when we participate in this mass, as every mass, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it. The institution of the Eucharist sacramentally anticipated the events which were about to take place, beginning with the agony in Gethsemane.

In this Last Supper, Jesus brought about a mysterious "oneness in time" between that Triduum and the passage of the centuries. With this realization comes an overwhelming feeling of awe and gratitude for this most holy of days. The Eucharist is the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, as he said to the disciples all those years ago, and as we as a Church have participated in for 2,000 plus years.

In this Holy Thursday mass, and for all masses to come, may we remember the miracle before us, as Pope John Paul II states: "Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated at the tomb of Jesus in Jerusalem, there is an almost tangible return to the hour of his Cross and glorification. Every priest who celebrates Holy Mass, together with the Christian community which takes part in it, is led back in spirit to that place and that hour."





## St. Carlo Acutis Fun Facts

Carlo had a great love for St. Francis of Assisi and cared for many stray cats and dogs

He is the Patron Saint of the Internet

His favorite video game was Pokemon, and he only allowed himself to play video games for one hour a week.

## Intercessory Prayer St. Carlo Acutis

O God our Father,  
we thank you for giving us Carlo,  
a model of life for young people,  
and a message of love for all.

You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,  
making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."

You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,  
and you made him, through the Rosary,  
a cantor of her tenderness.

Receive his prayer for us.

Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted.

Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace  
that I need (mention your intention).

And make our joy full, raising Carlo among  
the saints of your Church,  
so that his smile shines again for us  
to the glory of your name. Amen.



## Eucharistic Miracles & Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy

12 Days October 20 -31st, 2025

Rome Florence Assisi  
plus the Eucharistic Miracles of Lanciano,  
Loreto, and many more

Our Pilgrimage will be spiritually enhanced  
with Msgr Paul Bochicchio and Fr. Ernie Rush  
Daily Mass will be celebrated

### Our Pilgrimage

We invite you, your family, your friends, and your parish to join us on a transformative journey through the Eucharistic Miracles of Italy. This pilgrimage is designed to deepen your faith in our Lord's precious gift and to set your hearts on fire with love for Him. As you explore the sites of these miraculous events, you will witness firsthand the profound impact of the Eucharist on believers throughout history. This pilgrimage is even more special as it coincides with the Jubilee Year, offering pilgrims the chance to receive a plenary indulgence.

### Discover Italy

Italy's stunning landscapes and rich history provide the perfect backdrop for this spiritual journey. From the rolling hills of Tuscany to the serene coastlines of the Adriatic Coast, and from the bustling streets of Rome to the charming villages of Umbria, you will be immersed in the beauty of God's creation. Alongside the Eucharistic sites, you'll have the opportunity to experience Italy's cultural treasures, historical landmarks, and exquisite cuisine.

Let this pilgrimage be a journey of both spiritual and personal enrichment. Discover the divine through sacred encounters, and allow the breathtaking beauty and historical richness of Italy to deepen your connection to our faith. Join us in igniting a renewed passion for Christ within your life and your parish community.

