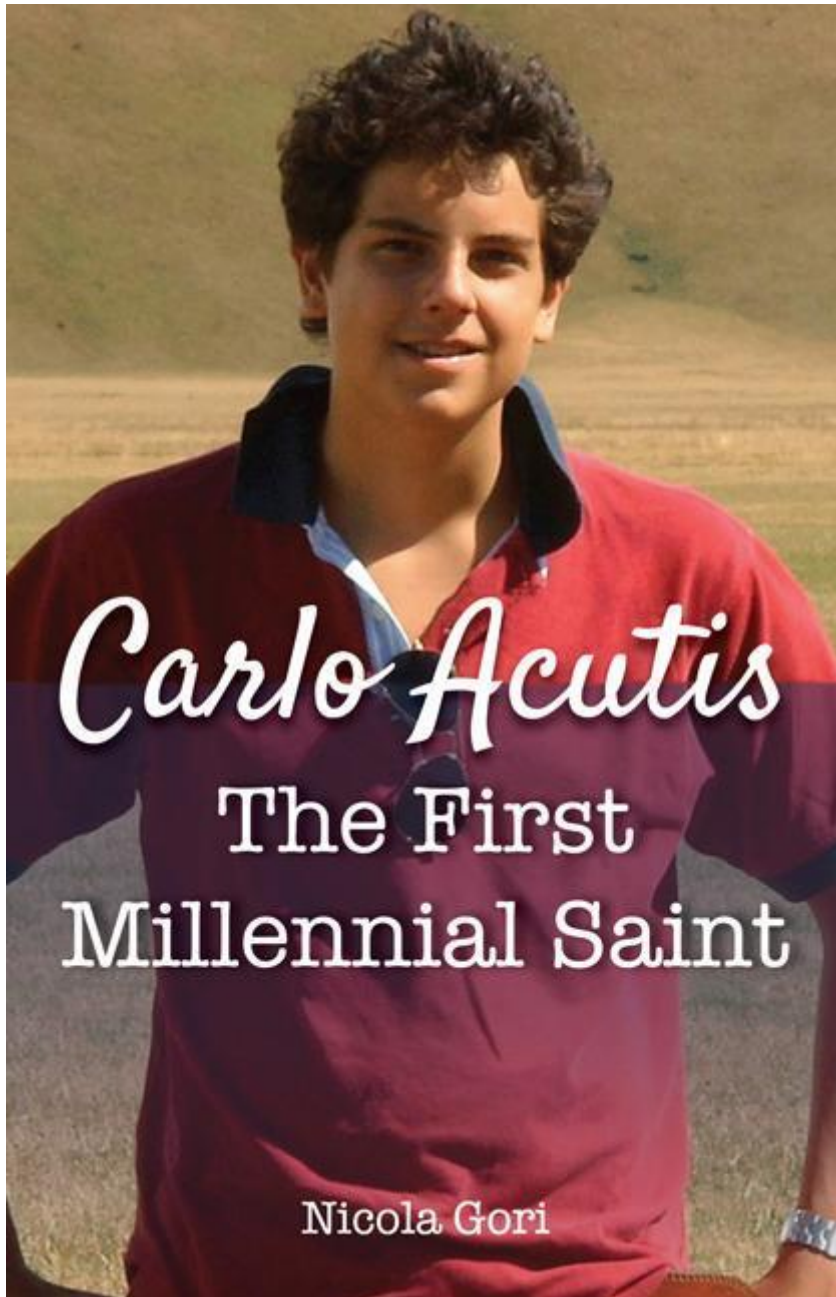


Carlo Acutis – a saint of the digital age



Carlo Acutis was born in London on 3 May 1991. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Milan in Italy. Even as a child, Carlo developed a deep faith. Although his parents were not particularly religious at first, he was passionate about the Catholic faith and attended Holy Mass every day whenever possible. The Eucharist and adoration were particularly important to him.

He once said: **“The Eucharist is my motorway to heaven.”**

Alongside his faith, Carlo had many interests. He played football, played music, loved animals and was passionate about computers and IT. He used his technical skills to spread the word of the faith. He designed websites and developed a highly acclaimed online exhibition on Eucharistic miracles around the

world. Through this, he wanted to show that modern media can be used to lead people to God.

Carlo was helpful and considerate towards others. He stood up for classmates who were excluded, shared his pocket money with those in need, and treated everyone with respect and kindness.

In October 2006, Carlo was suddenly diagnosed with a particularly aggressive form of leukaemia. He accepted his illness with great trust in God and said he wished to offer up his suffering for the Pope and for the Church. He died in Monza on 12 October 2006, aged just 15. In accordance with his own wishes, he was buried in Assisi.

Why was Carlo Acutis canonised?

Carlo was canonised because his life reflected the Christian faith in an extraordinary way. He showed that holiness does not depend on age, but on love for God and one's neighbour. Particularly exemplary was the way he used his knowledge of modern media to spread the faith and to bring people who had little or no contact with God's message into contact with it.

Pope Francis canonised Carlo Acutis on 27 April 2025.

Why can Carlo Acutis be a role model for us?

Carlo shows that holiness does not mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with extraordinary love, total commitment and all the skill one possesses. He combines faith and modern technology, prayer and everyday life, joy and responsibility. He particularly encourages young people to live their faith openly and to use their talents for the common good.

Feast day: 12 October