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Videos

The Inspiring Life of Blessed Carlo Acutis (The First Millennial Saint - Patron of the Internet) <https://youtu.be/mlVdai7BFA4> - (1991-2006) Carlo Acutis was an inspiring teenager who fell in love with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. He strived to live his life close to Jesus. He is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website which he created before his death from leukemia at the age of fifteen. Approved for beatification in 2020, this modern tech savvy teenager lived a holy and pure life centered on the Eucharist and serving others.

Many of us at St. Mary Magdalene first learned of Carlo during our exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles here this September. He inspires all of us by the way he lived his life and by the gift of the exhibit he left for us.

Carlo Acutis Web Missionary <https://youtu.be/RVHxeNPNkBM> “Madam, your son is someone special.” His mother, Antonia Acutis, heard that innumerable times. “Special,” yes, but why? Did Carlo have some special particular secret to distinguish him from everyone else? No, Carlo’s secret has a name: his name is Jesus. From the day of his confirmation Jesus became his Friend. And he was a friend for good. Carlo, who was passionate about new technology, was one of the first to use the Internet to transmit the message of the Gospel. Carlo was the Jesus-geek, the cyber-apostle, and Pope Francis wants to give him to the young generations as a model. He died at the age of 15 from a devastating leukemia. Carlo Acutis, this very special boy, was beatified at Assisi on October 10th 2020.

What You Should Know About Purgatory <https://youtu.be/GnwDDsN6ZfM> Fr. Mike Schmitz - What is meant by the final purification? Understanding the Catholic notion of Purgatory requires knowing the difference between a temporal consequence and an eternal consequence; this difference has nothing to do with damnation and salvation. Some people reject the idea of Purgatory because they misunderstand its purpose. In this video, Fr. Mike explains why Purgatory is needed and straightens out some of those misunderstandings.

Thanksgiving: More Catholic Than You Knew - <https://youtu.be/tSP5mK3UqjM> - In a way, Catholics have more to celebrate on Thanksgiving than anyone. See some of the historical facts about our celebration of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Special: Squanto <https://youtu.be/06UHMDk778>

Do you know the story of Squanto? It could be seen as a prime example of a life filled with one tragedy after another. But in this special Thanksgiving video, Fr. Mike Schmitz offers a different perspective by showing how blessings can be found in even the most dismal situations. By realizing this truth in our own lives, we may learn to find God in the most unlikely places.

Books

Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr Donald Calloway (Author) In the midst of crisis, confusion, and a world at war with the Church, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, St. Joseph. In this richly researched and lovingly presented program of consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Donald Calloway brings to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Universal Patron of the Church and the Terror of Demons.

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori.

Carlo Acutis, born May 3, 1991, fully embraced the gift of life. Known as a computer whiz, he also liked to play soccer, video games, and the saxophone. He enjoyed watching his favorite police dramas and making short films with his star cast of cats and dogs. He had many friends and enjoyed spending time with them. Yet Carlo was a little “different” at school, in the pizzerias, and on the soccer field. What set Carlo apart was his constant pursuit of holiness. In addition to his fun hobbies, he spent time teaching catechism classes and serving in soup kitchens. Carlo loved to attend daily Mass and frequent Eucharistic adoration. The Word of God and the Eucharist were the center of his life. Carlo’s unwavering devotion to the Eucharist inspired him to tell the story of Eucharistic miracles through a website he created just for fun. He wanted to deepen his own knowledge of these phenomena, to strengthen his devotion to Jesus, and to invite others to grow in love for the Eucharist. The website subsequently caught the attention of people across the globe, introducing countless people to Eucharistic miracles.

Carlo died from a sudden and violent illness in 2006 at the age of fifteen. In less than a decade, his story spread across Italy and around the world. After Pope Francis declared him venerable in 2018, his beatification was celebrated in Assisi on October 10, 2020. The next step will be canonization, making him the first millennial saint.

Catholic Saints for Children by Anne–Sophie du Bouëtiez (Author), Bénédicte Lefebvre (Illustrator)

At a time when our children desperately need authentic heroes, **Catholic Saints for Children** holds up well-known giants of our faith for young readers to be inspired by and imitate.

Simple, engaging texts highlight these saints' fascinating lives. Accompanied by memorable watercolor illustrations, each delightful account models heroic love for God. A prayer for the particular gifts for which these saints are known follows each inspirational story. Thirty saints lives in total. Available on Amazon

Inspiration from the Saints: Stories from the Lives of Catholic Holy Men and Women “The saints are not dead, but alive and present in the Church. In *Inspiration from the Saints*, Maolsheachlann O Ceallaigh writes in a personal way, not only of the saints as living in the Church, but as living with us in our own lives. From childhood to death, from hardened sinners to mystics, we here encounter men, women, and children who impress upon us the achievable ‘reality of holiness’; we steep ourselves in the holy glamour of the saints and learn how they make virtue so attractive. At a time when we are tempted to cynicism in face of so many flawed public figures, the author draws our attention to those who have enhanced our Church and our world by their goodness.”—FR. JOHN S. HOGAN, co-host of EWTN’s *Forgotten Heritage*, author of *A Book of Martyrs* – Available on Amazon