

# Saint Carlo Acutis

## Bio:

Carlo was born to Italian parents in London on May 3, 1991. He grew up in Milan. He loved soccer, video games (he owned a Playstaion!), Pokemon, computer programming, the outdoors, and most especially: the Eucharist. He used his computer savvy skills to build a website dedicated to a database of Eucharistic miracles. He stood up for those in his school who were being bullied and marginalized.

## Beatified!

On October 10th, 2020, Pope Francis beatified Carlo Acutis. He is the first "millennial" to be declared Blessed. His body is currently on display in Assisi. He is dressed in jeans and tennis shoes - which was his usual daily attire.

## Devotions:

From a very young age, Carlo had a deep love for God even though his parents were not very devout. After his First Communion, he made sure to attend daily Mass, prayed the Rosary often, and went to Confession every week. His devotion led to a deep conversion of his mother, Antonia.

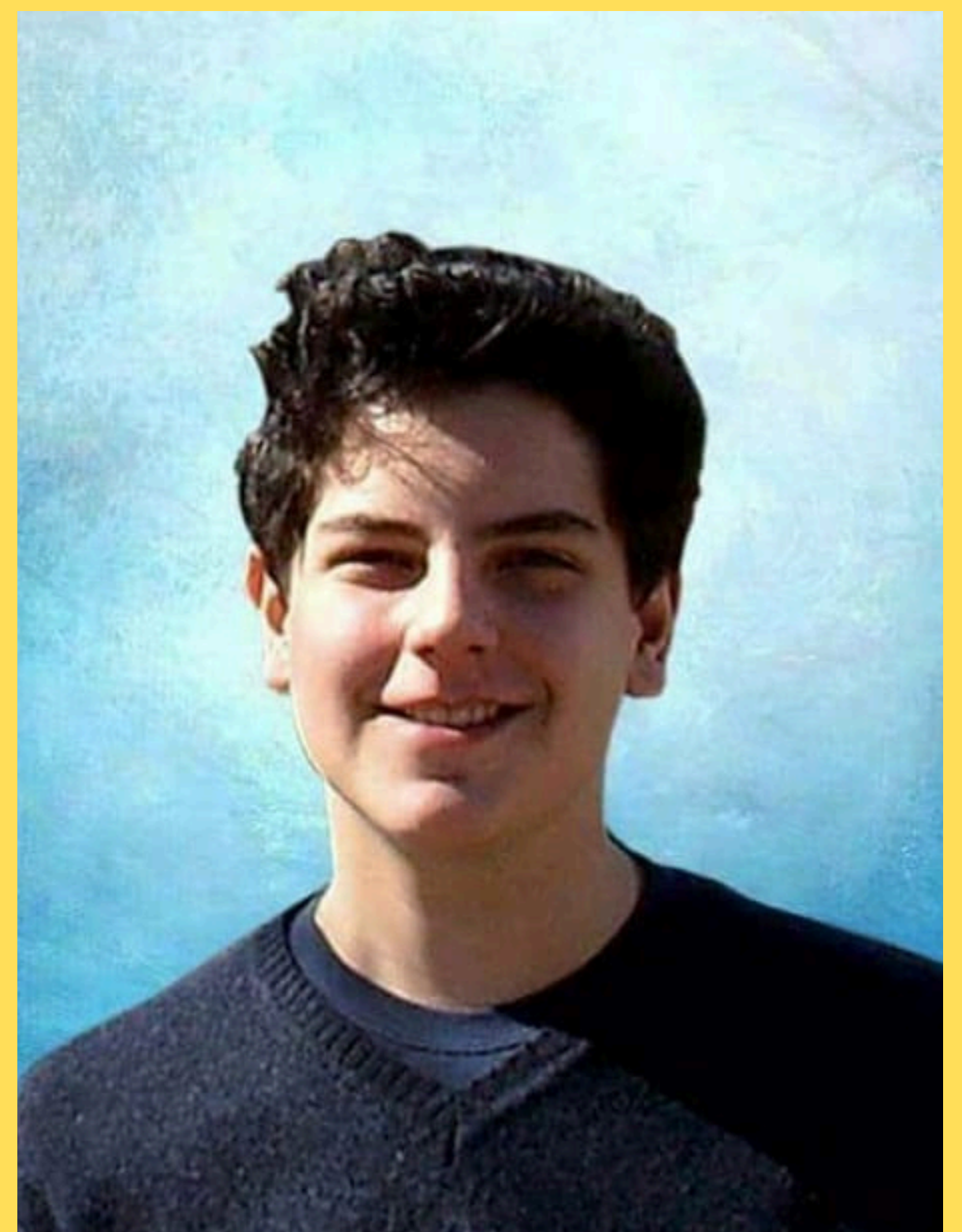
## Death:

As a teenager, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." He died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi.

## Miracles:

His mother attributes the birth of her twins (born when she was 44 - exactly 4 years after Carlo's death) to her son's intercession. After the miracle was confirmed, she revealed in an interview that Carlo had appeared to her in dreams informing her that he would become a saint!

In 2019, a young boy, Mattheus Vianna, was cured of a pancreatic disease after his mother prayed a novena asking Carlo to heal him



**"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven".**

**- Blessed Carlo Acutis**

# St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

## Bio:

Pier was born into a wealthy Italian family in Turin on April 6, 1901. Despite his family's wealth and lack of faith, Pier fell in love with Jesus at a young age and devoted himself to God through prayer and the Sacraments. He loved the rock climbing, social activism, and being a jokester. Alongside a life filled with laughter and friends, Pier also constantly served the poor in his community.

## Beatified!

On May 20th, 1990, Pope St. John Paul II beatified Pier Giorgio. He is nicknamed "Saint of the Beatitudes" because of the joyful way he lived his life.

## Devotions:

Against his parents wishes, Pier quietly lived out his Catholic faith. He would often wake up at 4AM so he could walk to daily Mass. Pier had an incredible heart for the poor - quietly giving away his large allowance to those in need.

## Death:

At only 24 years old, Pier contracted a bad case of polio. At the time, his grandmother was also sick, so Pier tried to keep his illness to himself until it was too late. His final act on his deathbed was writing a note to a local pharmacy to make sure a local family in need received a perscription they needed. His family was unaware of his dedication to the poor, so one can image their shock when over 4,000 people came to pay their respects at his funeral!

## Miracles:

Pier Giorgio Frassati was beatified after the 1933 healing of Domenico Sellan, a laborer paralyzed by spinal tuberculosis who fully recovered after prayers through Frassati's intercession, a cure recognized by the Church in 1989. A second miracle was recently confirmed that took place in 2017, when Juan Gutierrez, a seminarian in California, was instantly healed of a torn Achilles tendon after praying a novena to Frassati.



**“The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ!”**

**- Pier Giorgio Frassati**