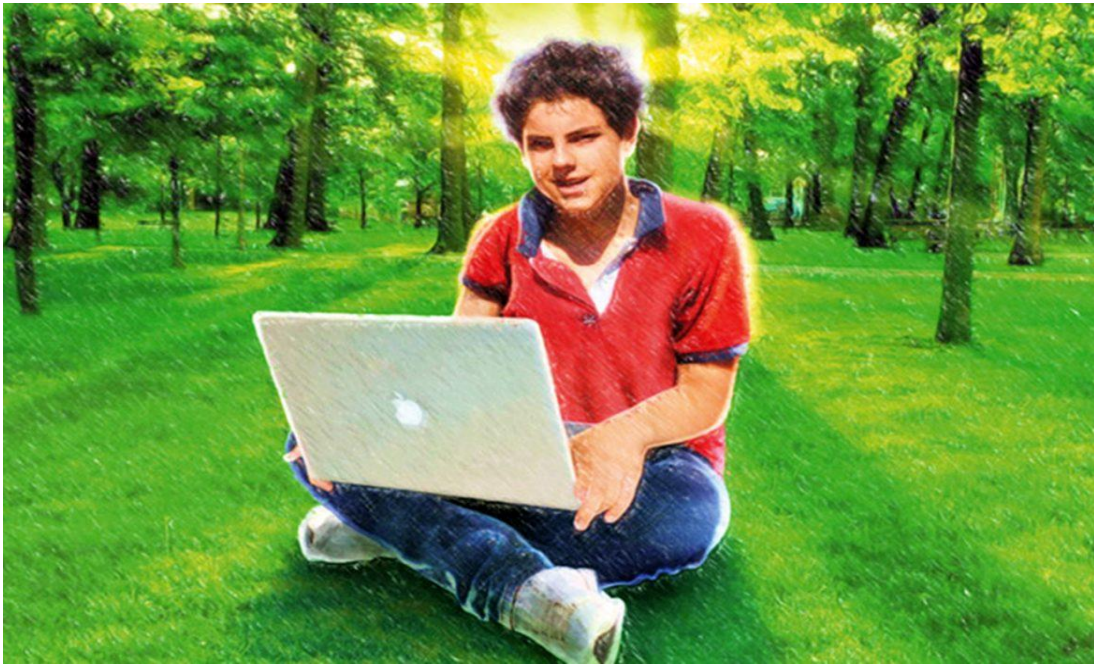


Blessed Carlo Acutis

A Millennial Saint



Special Youth Event

All young people in the Diocese and families are invited to an exclusive viewing of the Vatican approved *Eucharistic Miracles of the World International Poster Exhibition*, from a website designed and created by then 11-year-old Carlo Acutis. Blessed Carlo is known as a technological expert for his age and is our first millennial saint! Come and learn about his life and his love for the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. Presentation begins in the Cathedral at 6:30pm with private viewing of the Exhibit immediately following in the Parish Hall.

Friday, February 18, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola 9999 S Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 Please RSVP to Dee Aitken Youth Minister daitken@cathedralpb.com or Dorothy Harper 561-310-6596

To those who educate and minister to our youth,

A teenager of our time like many others, going to school and seeing his friends, and an expert for his age in computers. His encounter with Jesus Christ fitted into all of this. Carlo Acutis is witness to the Resurrection, he places his trust in the Virgin Mary, lives a life of grace, and tells his contemporaries about his incredible experience with God.

He goes to Mass and takes Communion every day and passes hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Carlo is also devoted to Our Lady, faithfully says his Rosary and dedicates his devotions to her as his beloved Mother. In sociological terms, this boy is the same as his school friends and bears out the fact that the Gospel can also be experienced fully by an adolescent. His brief existence, (15 years) reaching out with the aim of encountering Jesus, was like a beacon lighting the way not only of anyone who met him on their path, but also of those people yet to know his story. I am more than confident that his story will help today's adolescents, who have so many issues and are so heavily influenced by the mass media, to reflect on their life and evangelic values as a way of fulfillment.

By looking at this adolescent as one of them and as someone who was captivated by the love of Christ, which enabled him to experience pure joy, teenagers will be in contact with an experience of life that doesn't take away from the richness of their teenage years but, actually makes them more valuable. The evangelical testimony of Carlo doesn't just provide inspiration for today's adolescents, it also encourages priests and teachers to ask themselves about the validity of the teaching they provide for the teenagers in our parishes, and how to make this teaching effective and profound.

**The Most Reverend Bishop Michelangelo M. Tiribilli, O.S.B
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