

# The Road to History



Carlo Acutis, a teenager known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his creative use of technology to share the faith, began his journey toward sainthood shortly after he died in 2006. Here, we trace the key milestones that led to his recognition as the first Millennial saint of the Catholic Church on Sept. 7.

2012

**OCT. 12:** On the sixth anniversary of his death, the Archdiocese of Milan officially opens the cause for Carlo's beatification and canonization. A group of priests and friends advocated for his recognition.

2016

**NOV. 24:** The diocesan phase concludes after four years, and all findings — including the authentication of relics and preparation of official documentation — are sent to the Vatican for further examination.

2018

**JULY 5:** After a thorough review of his life and virtues, Pope Francis declares Carlo "Venerable," recognizing his example of heroic Christian virtue.

2020

**OCT. 10:** Carlo is beatified in Assisi after the Vatican confirms a miracle attributed to his intercession: A Brazilian boy, Matheus Vianna, is healed of a rare pancreatic disorder in 2013 after asking for Carlo's intercession and touching one of his relics.

Following his beatification, second-class relics of Carlo — some of which play a role in miracles later recognized by the Vatican — are authenticated, sealed by the postulator general, and distributed for veneration.

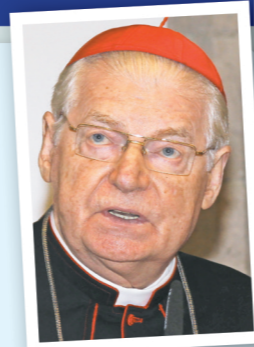
2013

**FEB. 15:** The diocesan investigation into Carlo's life begins, led by Cardinal Angelo Scola (inset) in Milan, marking the formal start of the sainthood process.

**MARCH 13:** Soon after Pope Francis is elected, momentum builds around Carlo's cause, seen by many as a providential sign.

**MAY 13:** The Congregation for the Causes of Saints issues a "nihil obstat" — a declaration that there are no objections to the cause moving forward. Carlo is officially named a Servant of God, the first step on the path to sainthood.

The cause is formally entrusted to the postulator general, who leads the Vatican's investigation into Carlo's life, virtues, and miracles.



2025

**APRIL 21:** Carlo Acutis' canonization is postponed following the death of Pope Francis.

**JUNE 13:** Pope Leo XIV announces that Carlo Acutis will be canonized on Sept. 7, alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati.

**SEPT. 7:** Carlo Acutis will be officially canonized and become the Catholic Church's first millennial saint.

2024

**NOV. 20:** Pope Francis announces that Carlo will be canonized on April 27, 2025, during the Jubilee of Teenagers in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

2023

**MAY 23:** Pope Francis formally recognizes the second miracle, clearing the way for Carlo's canonization.



**JULY 1:** An ordinary consistory of cardinals approves Carlo's canonization, along with 14 others.

2022

**JULY 2:** A second miracle is attributed to Carlo: Valeria Valverde, a Costa Rican student, suffers a traumatic brain injury in a bicycle accident in Florence. Her mother prays at Carlo's tomb in Assisi on July 8, and Valeria begins breathing on her own that same day, later making a full recovery.