

GOD'S INFLUENCER

The Life and Times of Blessed Carlo Acutis



May 3, 1991

Carlo Acutis is born in London, England, to Italian parents Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano.



September 1991

The family moves to Milan, Italy, where Carlo grows up in a home that isn't especially religious. He is said to have been bright for his age, even beginning to speak at just five months old.



1994-1995

When Carlo is around 3 years old, his maternal grandfather, Antonio Salzano, passes away.

Shortly after, Carlo tells his grandmother he wants to go to church to pray for his grandfather, saying that he had "gone to see Jesus."

Carlo is not yet 4 years old when he begins asking his mother questions about the Catholic faith — many of which came as a result of conversations he has with his Polish nanny, Beata Sperczyńska.

Mid-to-Late 1990s

Carlo's curiosity about God and the Church grows. His questions inspire his mother, Antonia, to rediscover her faith. Eventually, the whole family becomes more involved in Catholic life.

September 1997

Carlo begins school at the San Carlo Institute in Milan. After a few months, he transfers to the Marcelline Tomaseo Institute, where he continues his education and begins to stand out for both his academic ability and his spiritual maturity.

1998

Carlo receives his first Communion. From that day on, he attends daily Mass, prays the rosary, and shows a deep love for the Eucharist.

January 2007

At Carlo's request (before he died), his body is moved to Assisi, the hometown of his spiritual hero, St. Francis of Assisi.

Early 2000s

Carlo teaches himself computer programming and builds websites for his school and parish. Though he enjoys video games such as Halo, Super Mario, and Pokémon, he limits himself to just one hour per week so he can focus on prayer and helping others.

2001

Carlo begins going on several pilgrimages with his family to sacred Catholic sites, including Assisi, Lourdes, Fatima, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Turin. These journeys deepen his devotion to the Eucharist and the saints, especially St. Francis of Assisi and St. Padre Pio.

2003

At age 12, Carlo becomes a catechist at his parish, Santa Maria Segreta in Milan, helping teach younger children about the faith — a role usually reserved for older teens or adults.

Oct. 12, 2006

Carlo passes away and is buried in Ternengo, Italy.

Oct. 4, 2006

Just days before his passing, Carlo's website project — The Eucharistic Miracles of the World (miracolieucaristici.org) — officially launches.

Oct. 2, 2006

Carlo falls ill with what appears to be the flu, but is soon diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is hospitalized in Monza, Italy.

May 24, 2003

Carlo receives confirmation at Santa Maria Segreta Church in Milan. This deepens his commitment to the Catholic faith and strengthens his desire to evangelize.

He begins work on what would go on to become his most famous project: a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

