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—Bl. Carlo Acutis

Pope Francis wrote the following about Blessed Carlo Acutis in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit [Christ is alive]*, addressed to young people and to the entire People of God, dated 25 March 2019:

I remind you of the good news we received as a gift on the morning of the resurrection: that in all the dark or painful situations that we mentioned, there is a way out.

For example, it is true that the digital world can expose you to the risk of self-absorption, isolation and empty pleasure. But don't forget that there are young people even there who show creativity and even genius. That was the case with [Venerable] Carlo Acutis.

Carlo was well aware that the whole apparatus of communications, advertising and social networking can be used to lull us, to make us addicted to consumerism and buying the latest thing on the market, obsessed with our free time, caught up in negativity. Yet he knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty.

Carlo didn't fall into the trap. He saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction. In this way they do not bring forth the gifts the Lord has given them; they do not offer the world those unique personal talents that God has given to each of them. As a result, Carlo said, *“All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies”*. Don't let that happen to you!

Many people around the world testify that they have received graces and miracles through prayers addressed to Carlo. Now that Pope Francis has declared him Blessed, let us pray to him so that he can help us be authentic witnesses of the Risen Jesus, like Carlo himself was.

We invite all our parishioners - especially all who have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation - to turn to the Lord with faith, hope and love by following the example of Blessed Carlo.

By doing so we will show that we are unique in the eyes of God and of our family and friends as together we make our journey to Heaven!

PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

O God, our Father,
 thank you for giving us Carlo,
 as an example for the young
 and a message of love for everyone.

You made him become enamoured
 with Your Son Jesus, making of the Eucharist
 his “Highway to Heaven”.

You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother,
 and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet
 of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us.

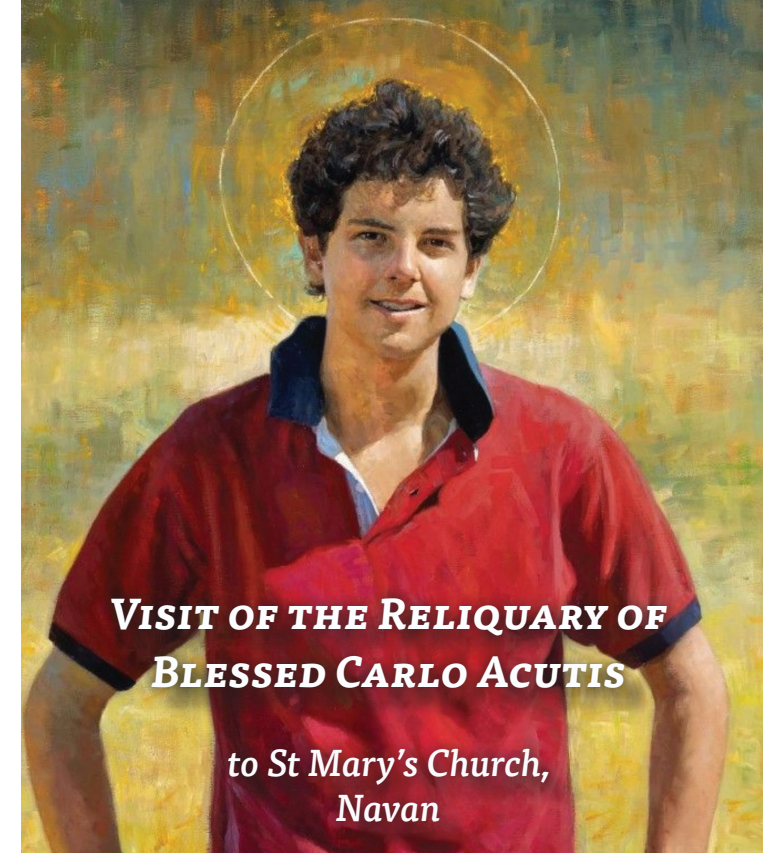
Above all, gaze upon the poor,
 whom he loved and helped.

Grant that the young people of our parish may
 grow to love Christ in the Eucharist
 and grant also the grace which I earnestly seek ...

And make our joy fulfilled,
 placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church,
 so that his smile may shine again
 for us in the glory of your name. Amen

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VISIT OF THE RELIQUARY OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

to St Mary's Church,
 Navan

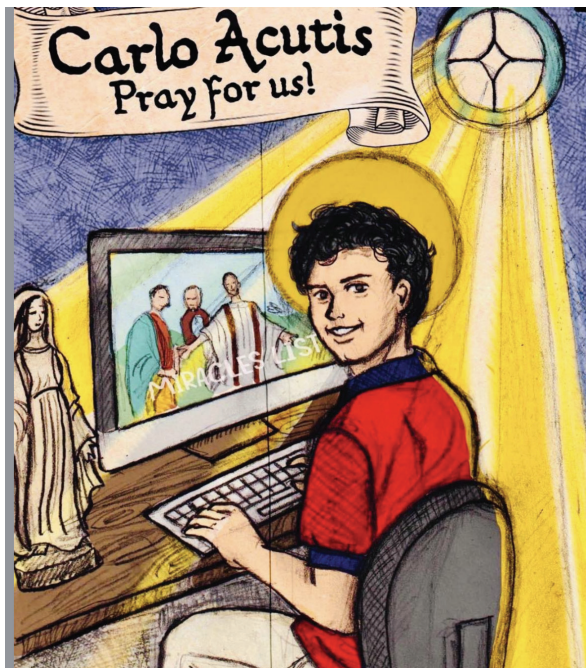
Sunday 15 September 2024

- 10:55am **Procession with Reliquary** to St Mary's
- 11:00am **Solemn Mass**
followed by **Veneration of Relic**
- 1:00pm **Mass** followed by **Veneration of Relic**
throughout the afternoon until 7:20pm
- 6:00pm **Guided Prayer & Reflection**
led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal
- 7:30pm **Evening Prayer & Benediction**

Monday 16 September 2024

- 8:00am **Mass**
- 10:00am **Mass** with school communities
followed by **Veneration of Relic**
- 2:00pm **Farewell Ceremony**





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Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I thank you for all the grace and favours with which you enriched the soul of Blessed Carlo Acutis during his fifteen years on this earth.

Through the merits of this Angel of Youth, grant that the young people of the parish may grow to love Christ in the Eucharist, and also the grace which I earnestly seek:

[in a moment of quiet prayer, put words on the grace for which you are praying].

Day 1: "NOT ME, BUT GOD"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, may I follow your example by setting aside the distractions and unimportant things in my world so that I can develop my spiritual life. Amen.

Pray five "Our Fathers", five "Hail Marys", and five "Glory Be to the Fathers" giving thanks to God for the graces granted Carlo during his life.

Day 2: "ALWAYS BE UNITED WITH JESUS, THAT IS MY LIFE'S PROGRAMME"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, you who have lived in the heart of Jesus, give me the grace to apply Jesus' plan of love to everything that I say and do. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 3: "CONTINUOUSLY ASK YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL FOR HELP AND TO BECOME YOUR BEST FRIEND"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, you who saw the company of Holy Angels while you were already in this world, give me the grace to live with integrity, just as my Guardian Angel desires. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 4: "OUR SOUL IS LIKE A HOT-AIR BALLOON... IF BY CHANCE THERE IS A MORTAL SIN, THE SOUL FALLS TO THE GROUND. CONFESSION IS LIKE THE FIRE UNDERNEATH THE BALLOON ENABLING THE SOUL TO RISE AGAIN...IT IS IMPORTANT TO GO TO CONFESSION OFTEN."

Blessed Carlo Acutis, you who have lived this sacrament of reconciliation so well, help me to trust in the love and mercy of God which is available to all who are honest and humble in Confession. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 5: "SADNESS IS LOOKING AT OURSELVES, HAPPINESS IS LOOKING TOWARDS GOD"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, You who have never looked away from your great love, Jesus, give me the grace also to live with this happiness in this world. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 6: "THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO ASK GOD FOR IN PRAYER IS THE DESIRE TO BE HOLY"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, you who have always asked God for what is essential, give me the grace of a deep desire for Heaven. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 7: "THE VIRGIN MARY IS THE ONLY WOMAN IN MY LIFE"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, you who loved the Virgin Mary above all women, give me the grace to respond to her kind and good love. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 8: "THE EUCHARIST IS MY HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, you who have always looked for your hidden Jesus in the Tabernacle, give me the grace of a deep fervour for the Eucharist. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Day 9: "I AM HAPPY TO DIE BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED MY LIFE WITHOUT WASTING A MINUTE ON THOSE THINGS WHICH DO NOT PLEASE GOD"

Blessed Carlo Acutis, give me that grace of graces - perseverance to the end - and a saintly death. Amen.

Our Father x 5, Hail Mary x 5, Glory be x 5.

Final Prayer

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