

Friends In Faith

MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE Week of July 14, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Episode 3: "Carlo Acutis – God's Influencer"

PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

My Lord Jesus Christ,

Your Eucharistic presence teaches me how to love as you have loved me.

In your great love for me you continue to give yourself, body, blood, soul and divinity in this sacrament of your love.

As I pray here in your Eucharistic presence, rekindle in me the fire of your gospel.

Nourish me with your love and compassion, so that I may be your living presence to all I meet.

Amen.

QUOTE

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

- Carlo Acutis

LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION

https://youtu.be/AZmPEYFPdVM

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Do you truly believe in Christ's presence in the Eucharist? (A recent survey says most Catholics do not.)
- 2. Where does the Eucharist enter into your relationship with God?
- 3. How can we inspire more young people to live and love like Carlo?

PRAYER TO BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Dear Father,
Who has given us the ardent testimony
of the young Servant of God, Carlo Acutis,
Who made the Eucharist the core of his life
and the strength of his daily commitments
so that everybody may love You above all else.

Confirm my Faith,
Nurture my Hope,
Strengthen my Charity,
In the image of young Carlo,
Who, growing in these virtues,
Now lives with You.

For what or whom shall we pray? [Spontaneous prayers are welcome.]

For these spoken prayers and those we hold in our hearts, we ask that they be granted in accordance with God's Will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECOMMENDED LISTENING

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"It's All About The Eucharist" (May 5, 2022; 5 mins)

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