

Story of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts' mission with spreading devotion to B. Carlo Acutis and how they have for exhibition all the 166 Eucharistic Miracles that Carlo studied.

Interview to Sr. Alexia, SCTJM about the mission her religious family had been called to promote devotion to B. Carlo Acutis

While the powerful stories about the miracles are foundational to the Exhibit, the story about how the Exhibit itself came to be is also noteworthy.

The Exhibit is the legacy of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an English-born Italian Catholic boy who documented Eucharistic miracles around the world, cataloging them onto a website. Carlo Acutis is remembered by his parents and friends for his cheerfulness, his deep devotion to the Eucharist, and his computer skills. His love for the Eucharist became a core theme of his life. Carlo died of leukemia when he was only fifteen years old. He was beatified on October 10, 2020, two days after the 14th anniversary of his death.

Our story with B. Carlo:

We are the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a religious family founded by Mother Adela Galindo in the Archdiocese of Miami in 1990. We are religious Sisters, Brothers & Priests dedicated to evangelization and formation of the human heart to build a new civilization of love, life, truth, and solidarity, in the heart of the Church and the heart of the world and thus give a triumph to the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary! We are serving in the Arch/dioceses of Miami, Jacksonville and Orlando, Florida; Austin, Texas; Rapid City, South Dakota; Phoenix, Arizona; Asuncion, Paraguay; and Rome, and expanding exponentially.

Our motto: "All for the Heart of Jesus, through the Heart of Mary!"

Our relationship with Bl. Carlo Acutis began shortly after his death. Our Mother Foundress, Mother Adela, came to know of him, and his profound Eucharistic love, filial relationship with our Blessed Mother, and apostolic ardor to bring many to encounter the treasures of our Church resonated deeply with our Marian charism and four pillars of our spirituality: Marian, Eucharistic, Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit, and in the Heart of the Church.

Since Carlo went to the Father's house, fame of his holiness was spreading throughout Italy, and our Mother Foundress came to know of his life of virtue and Eucharistic love through the Eucharistic Miracles presentation he had created. His love for the Eucharist and the Rosary moved her heart, and she knew she was called to promote his devotion and cause.

Mother translated the official holy card of then Venerable Carlo from Italian, to English and Spanish so that devotion could spread to more countries worldwide. Thus, we received many holy cards from the Association of Carlo's Friends, "Associazione Amici Carlo Acutis" and immediately began to send it to many countries, give it to sick young people and children, and many miracles began to be reported. She made Carlo the patron of our **VIVET movement** for



youth and young adults: to build a catholic culture for the youth. This is a movement by which we take many youth and young adults to Consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, weekly Eucharistic Adoration for youth, formation of the faith, building community amongst each other and service through acts of solidarity. Carlo's life continued to impact and inspire many youths to strive for holiness in the simplicity of their everyday life. **VIVET movement, which in Latin means, "fully alive."**

(This is an image from our weekly "Adore with the Heart" weekly Eucharistic Youth/ Young Adult Group in our Totus Tuus Plaza).

Oct 2018- Mother Adela visits the tomb of Carlo in the cemetery of Assisi.

- Mother was in Assisi on a different mission, but she was urged by the Spirit to go and visit the tomb of Carlo, she had many young people in her heart that she wanted to intercede for them at his tomb.
- After many hours of searching for his tomb, Mother found Carlo's tomb- which was very difficult and arduous road to climb under heavy rain, as to find it because of the location of the cemetery. After, walking many hours, she finally, after asking the guardian angel, she was led through a very narrow path, to be joyfully surprise to find the tomb of Carlo Acutis.
- Immediately she began to intercede for so many youths, especially for one teenager, a young man that had been having suicidal thoughts, and had come to the convent to ask Mother for prayers.
- She sensed in her heart that Carlo asked her to grab a rosary from those that surrounded his tomb, and to take it and to pray with it for this young man. She sensed strongly that Carlo was interceding for his healing.
- As she returned to the center of Assisi, she was surprised to see that this young man was entering the city of Assisi too. He run to her and greeted her. Mother told him that Carlo wanted him to go to his tomb, and to go pray for his intercession at the tomb.
- Following this visit, the young man shared with Mother that his suicidal thoughts had ended and that through Carlo's intercession he had been healed.





Spreading the Devotion of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Mother Adela, she went on to say, was inspired in prayer by Blessed Carlo to have a life-size statue made in Italy which is an exact replica of his person. This statue was brought to the US in April 2022 and is now in their Motherhouse “Two Hearts” chapel in Miami, where countless numbers of sick children, young people, and adults come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and venerate Carlo’s first-class relic, asking for his intercession.

“Our community is very active in spreading his devotion, particularly in our work with young people. In January 2023, the brothers and priests launched ‘Camp Carlo’ for boys: a one-day adventure for teens to discover their highway to heaven.

“In these past few years, we have seen many who have turned to the intercession of Blessed Carlo,” Sr. Alexia adds, “and there have been instances of unexplained healings and cures.” **On Oct 10, 2020 Bl. Carlo is beatified.** Due to covid restrictions in flights, Mother and other sisters who had been given tickets to participate, could not attend in person, but promote the event in all our social medias for many to get to know Blessed Carlo. Then his body was transported to the Church of the “dispossession” of St. Francis of Assisi, and the church has become a vocational center, where his incorrupt body remains visible to all.

On October 5, 2022, Mother Adela launched the “Acutis Fashion.” She wrote on her facebook (Madre Adela SCTJM): “Bl. Carlo Acutis inspired me to begin this fashion so that many youth can wear his red shirt, with blue and white collar, with his saying ‘The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.’” Hundreds of youth have obtained this shirt, building a Eucharistic culture through fashion.

Acutis Fashion

In addition, **Mother Adela launched “Acutis Fashion,”** featuring a Bl. Carlo Acutis Polo Shirt. The colors of the polo shirt made by the sisters match the shirt Carlo is wearing in his most popular photo, and it carries his message: **“The Eucharist is my highway to heaven” in both languages.** If you desire to acquire the shirt, please, order through our gift shop triumphoflove@piercedhearts.org

"Hundreds of young people have obtained this shirt," Sr. Alexia commented. "We feel it is a way of building through fashion a Eucharistic culture among young people."



April 2022: Our wooden statue of Bl. Carlo arrived to our Motherhouse. It is a replica of his size, weight, which and height. It was exposed to the public for the first time in our International Congress last October 7, 2022

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5,000 people participated in a Eucharistic- Marian weekend.

- One of our 16 international speakers was Antonia Salzano Acutis who shared on "Carlo, a Millennial Apostle of the Eucharist and of the Holy Rosary."
- We launched the Acutis Fashion during this Congress
- We had over 100 youth volunteers to serve in the Bl. Carlo Acutis Exhibition, with the official volunteer's best that were used in his beatification. They served explaining and being custodians of the complete (166) Eucharistic Miracles exhibition created by Bl. Carlo, which we printed them in English and Spanish. Our life-size statue of Bl. Carlo, and 2 first class relics were available to be venerated and the particular image of Carlo with the Blessed Sacrament that was given permission to us to use, signal the path to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in our Congress.

The life size statue now resides in our Motherhouse "Two Hearts" Chapel. Countless number of sick children, youth and adults come to our convent to ask for his intercession before his image, and first-class relic of his hair. Our Mother Foundress has received first class relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis which we always make available, especially for the sick and youth to venerate to ask for Bl. Carlo's intercession.





2022: Our Mother Foundress, Mother Adela, was inspired to create the Chaplet of Bl. Carlo Acutis.

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