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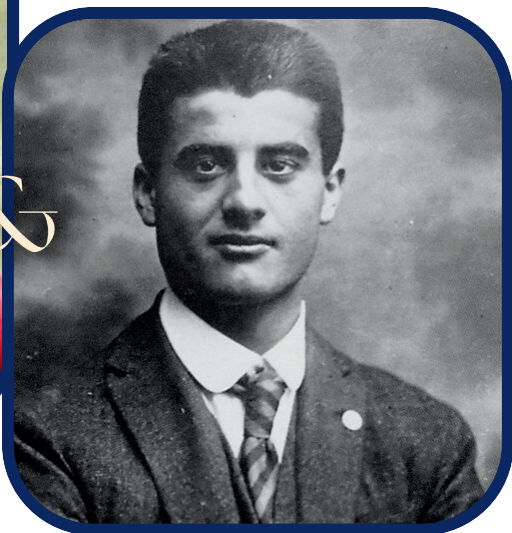
ST PIER GIORGIO  
FRASSATI



ST CARLO ACUTIS

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“Toward the top.”

**Sunday 7 September 2025**



Archdiocese of  
**Liverpool**

# St Carlo Acutis

“Saint Carlo Acutis (1991 -2006) was born in London. His family then moved to Italy. He will be the first millennial saint and in his short life developed a deep devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the Eucharist. He often said 'The Eucharist is my highway to heaven'. He wanted to receive Jesus in Holy Communion every day and was always kind and generous to the the poor people he met. Many came to his funeral. Fascinated by the digital world, he built a website devoted to Eucharistic miracles. He is an example to inspire young people.”

**Archbishop  
John Sherrington**

## Why does St Carlo give me Hope?

“Carlo's the only saint we know of who has trainers and jeans like me. Sainthood is not out of reach for people like me. He reminds us that on our life journey, travelling with Jesus is the best route for all of us. Carlo said that we are all expected in heaven, even those in jeans and trainers.

Carlo pointed out that we shouldn't be photocopies of others, the Lord didn't create us to be the same as everyone else, but to be our true selves with Jesus at the heart of ourselves.”

**Rev Dan Howarth,  
Seminararian**



## Prayer for the Fire to Spread the Gospel

Saint Carlo, you asked us to spread the Gospel through our lives so that each of us can be a beacon to light the journey of others. You were certainly that light for so many. You taught the catechism to young students. You took food and clothing to the homeless, and you taught your friends how to live like Christ. Your list of Eucharistic miracles has inspired so many. It has helped people understand that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. And it has shown the purity of your love.

Your life was an amazing example of living the Gospel and spreading that light so that others could come to know Jesus through you.

Please pray that we have that desire—that fire in our hearts.

Pray that, instead of hiding in the shadows, we step out into the light and defend our faith. Pray that we shine Christ's light without any hesitation, just as you did. Help us to change our actions and our words so that we, too, can be the light of Christ here on earth. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# St Pier Giorgio Frassati

“Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1924) was a Italian Catholic activist for justice and member of the Third Order of Dominicans. He joined organisations like Catholic Action and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He was prayerful and always concerned with justice and the poor. A passionate mountaineer and athlete, he said 'Charity is not enough; we need social reform' and worked hard to bring about the social reforms in the world of work which Pope Leo XIII had written about in Rerum Novarum. He will inspire prayer and the work of justice which is much needed in our unjust world of war and violence.”

Archbishop John Sherrington

## Prayer for the Courage to be Great

Heavenly Father,  
Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals,  
to flee every temptation to be mediocre.  
Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did,  
and to open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness.  
Free me from the fear of failure.  
I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You.  
Grant me the graces I ask You through Pier Giorgio's intercession,  
by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## Prayer for the Wisdom to Cherish Nature

Saint Pier Giorgio, you appreciated the beauty of creation. Your love of nature prompted your passion for mountain climbing and the outdoors. This points to your sense of adventure. It was in nature that you connected with God. It's similar to seeing a parent's likeness in a child. In the same way, creation reflects God Himself. God told us to “till and keep” the world. I want to do my part to uphold that command. Help me find God in creation. Spark my heart with joy at seeing God's beauty in nature. Help me also to take responsibility for this planet's care. Please intercede on the world's behalf that we are responsible with our resources. Help us to make the Earth a healthy place for all. Guide us in our care of it so we can use it to worship God.

We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Why does St Pier Giorgio give me Hope?

“In the busyness of our daily lives, we are often distracted from recognising that goodness surrounds us. Pier Giorgio's social justice work went relatively unknown during his lifetime- only after his death did the extent of his incredible work with those in need become clear. Pier Giorgio's story reminds me of what it means to have hope- to know that even in those moments that we do not see it or feel it, God is at work and his plan for all things is always unravelling right in front of us.”

Lucy Rauer,  
Catholic Social Action Co-ordinator  
for the Archdiocese of Liverpool

# A Message from Archbishop John Sherrington

I am delighted that both Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati have been canonised on Sunday 7 September and recognised in the communion of saints. I hope that across the archdiocese, people will give thanks to God and ask their intercession for our young people.



These two new saints can inspire young people to be more active in the mission of the Church as well as develop a life of prayer and adoration.

+ John Sherrington

## Prayer for the Intercession of Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

God our Father, we thank you for your gift of saints who are models of life for all people, especially the young. We ask that through the intercession of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, we would be inspired to love and serve you with courage and joy.

In Carlo's falling in love with your son Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we find example of the transformative power of the Eucharist, our 'highway to heaven'. In Pier Giorgio, we find the example of a 'man of the beatitudes', showing us how to live out our faith through service of the poor, the meek, the sick and the stranger.

By their prayers we ask for the grace to follow closely their examples of faith, generosity and prayer in living out our eucharistic faith. And so, asking their powerful intercession, we ask for this grace (name your intention).

We pray that all people of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, especially the young, will be inspired by these saints and seek to find the joy and love that Christ brought to their lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Saint Carlo Acutis	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati	<i>Pray for us</i>