

Carlo Acutis & Faustino Parallel lives?



"To be always united to Jesus; this is my program of life."
With these few words, Carlo Acutis expressed the motto of his brief existence. Born in May 1991 in London to Italian parents, his parents returned to Milan in September. In September 1997, primary school began; in June 1998 he received his First Communion and in May 2003 the sacrament of confirmation.

In September 2005 he began the baccaureate (Classical Lyceum) at the Leo XIII Institute, of the Jesuit Fathers. However, at the beginning of October of the 2006-2007 academic year he fell ill with a very serious leukemia that would cause his death. He died a few days later, on October 12. By his will he was buried in the cemetery of Assisi.

On October 12, 2012, the cause of beatification and canonization was opened. His Cause, like the sanctity of his life, has been meteoric: He was declared venerable on July 5, 2018. On October 10, 2020, he was beatified in Assisi. He will now be canonized by Pope Francis during the jubilee year.

In just 16 years, Carlo Acutis developed an intense apostolate among young people, using his knowledge of computer science. Apostle of the Eucharist, of prayer, of the recitation of the Rosary, he reminds us of our beloved Faustino Pérez-Manglano, already venerable. Faustino, who was only 16 years old (1947-1963), also walked an intense path of spiritual life, giving a great witness of faith. There is a strong harmony between the two, as Carlo Acutis had photos of the venerable Faustino and a brief historical review of his life on his blog.



Carlo and Faustino were followers of Jesus. For them, Jesus was the meaning of their lives. Both professed a great devotion to the Eucharist. Their love for the Virgin Mary was great, as shown by their daily recitation of the Rosary. The concern of both to help the poor is well-documented. Eventually, the two faced the suffering caused by disease and died very young from cancer. They were very simple and friendly young men. They were also very fond of soccer!

