
Rosary decade: 1st Joyful Mystery, The Annunciation The Angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son and you must name Him Jesus." Luke 1, 30-32

O Bread of heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal:
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love thee and adoring kneel;
Each loving soul by thee is fed
With thine own self in form of bread.

O Food of life, thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of love, that dost unite
The servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live, and not requite
Such love- then death were meet
reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.

Beloved Lord in heav'n above,
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me;
To gaze on thee which changeless love;
Yes, thus, I hope, thus shall it be:
For hoe can he deny me heav'n
Who here on earth himself hath giv'n?

Asking St Carlo's Intercession

We know from the many miracles that are already attributed to Saint Carlo that his friendship and generosity towards his brothers and sisters in Christ, already so strong whilst he was on earth, continues more powerfully now that he is in Heaven. We can count on his powerful intercession for us, for our loved ones and for our Parish.

Final Prayer

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the gift of your Beloved Disciple Saint Carlo Acutis. By his intercession...
We ask for the graces...
to understand that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.
to desire to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; to *Abide in Jesus*.
to desire to draw close to all the Sacraments of the Church and to Our Lady.
to desire to be your Beloved Disciple and Beloved Parish.
to know our gifts, to give them to Jesus and to let Him multiply them.
We ask Saint Carlo to be a great friend to us and to our Parish.
In particular I ask for... (insert own intentions here)
We ask all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, for the glory of God and the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen

Personal Question to take away

What are my gifts?



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Initial Question: What has touched you about Saint Carlo or his work?

Saint Carlo Acutis had great clarity about the Holy Eucharist, Our Lady, the call to Heaven and the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

His clarity was put into practice. Knowing these things, he decided to prioritise them in his life. He gave time to be with God and Our Lady in prayer, and the Sacraments, on a daily basis. He grafted himself onto Christ.

And then he took action. How did he take action? Like the young boy in the Gospel we will read today, he simply gave all he had to Jesus.

John 6: 8-13 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

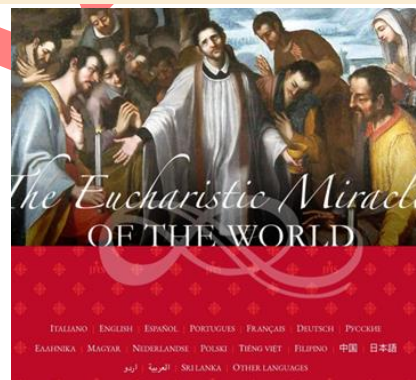
Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

If Carlo were with us this evening, perhaps he would tell us that we are all originals and that our gifts are unique.

Remarkably, he gave all that he had to Jesus. He gave his teaching and IT gifts to Jesus. Carlo shared his faith generously. On a personal level, he was kind, thoughtful, and generous to everyone around him, and he went out of his way to help many who were less fortunate than himself.

In this last session of Abide in Me, let us begin to conclude by reading some of Saint Carlo's sayings and sharing reflections on his exhibition.

Question: Do you have a favourite Panel or an interesting Panel that you would like to share now with the group?



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Some of Saint Carlo's Quotes:

To be always close to Jesus, that's my life's plan.

Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. Infinity is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven.

The Eucharist is my motorway to Heaven.

When we face the sun we get a suntan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints.

The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life.

The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy.

In order for a hot air balloon to go up, you need to drop the weights. In the same way, in order to rise to Heaven, the soul needs to drop its venial sins. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls back to earth and Confession is like the fire, which when lit, makes the hot air balloon rise up to heaven. We must confess often.

All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.

Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.

I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything displeasing to God.