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Dear Parish Family,

A few days ago, Pope Francis beatified a teenager by the name of Carlo Acutis in a solemn celebration in Assisi, Italy. This is the next step towards sainthood. He died at the age of 15 of leukemia. He was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents who soon moved to Milan, Italy where the young Carlo spent most of his young life. Even at a very young age, he showed a great love for computers who taught himself and was considered a genius at it. His mother said, "His knowledge of computers was not used for games and fun but was used to take care of local websites for Catholic organizations in his community." During the beatification ceremony, Cardinal Agostino Vallini said, "He used the Internet in the service of the Gospel, to reach as many people as possible." Blessed Carlo Acutis is nicknamed as the patron saint of the Internet.

But what impressed me even more with this young man was his love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. One of the websites he created is the history of Eucharistic miracles which is used by thousands of parishes worldwide. He was described by the Vatican as a 'computer genius with a love for the Eucharist.' The young Saint once said that the Holy Eucharist for him was his highway to heaven and the more we receive Holy Communion the more we become like Jesus. Though his life was short, he certainly did extraordinary things.

Our love of the Holy Eucharist certainly can put us in the same blessed company of Blessed Carlo Acutis and we hope and pray that one day we will join him where he is right now. God bless you!!

In Jesus,

Fr. Dwight