

## **The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary**

### **The Life of Carlo Acutis**

Yesterday in Assisi – the birthplace of St. Francis, a 15-year-old Italian teenager was Beatified. His name is Carlo Acutis.

Carlo was born May 3, 1991 and died October 12 (Monday) 2006. He died a few weeks after being diagnosed with Leukemia. Carlo had a wonderful devotion to the Eucharist and loved our Blessed Mother. His praying of the Rosary brought his parents back to church. Carlo fell in love with the Rosary at age 7. So this rosary is dedicated to the inspiring life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

#### ***First Mystery: Baptism of Jesus***

During this decade, we recall the baptism of Jesus by his cousin John. This was the beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry.

Blessed Carlo's Public Ministry started at a very young age when he started to pray for the return of his parents to church.

During this decade, we pray that many children will be moved to pray for their parents who are disconnected from church.

#### ***Second Mystery: The Wedding Feast of Cana***

The Wedding Feast of Cana was the first miracle Jesus worked. For someone to be beatified which is one-step from canonization, one miracle is needed. The miracle received as a result of prayers to Venerable Carlo was the healing of a gravely ill young boy in Brazil.

During this decade, let us pray that many teenagers will be led to Jesus as a result of learning about the life of Carlo.

#### ***Third Mystery. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the call to conversion***

This decade refers to living our lives according to the values of Jesus. Carlo constantly championed other students at school and would defend them against bullies. He cared deeply for others, often welcoming them into the fold of his own family.

During this decade let us pray that we like Carlo, will always stand up for all who are being put down.

#### ***Fourth Mystery: The Transfiguration***

Carlo once said '*Always be united with Jesus, - that is my life's programme*'. Let us pray now that we too may have that same desire to be united with Jesus.

#### ***Fifth Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist***

Carlo received his first communion at age 7 and after that received communion at every chance, he could get. He begged his parents to take him to daily Mass. He built a website chronicling all Eucharistic miracles he could find.

During this decade, let us pray that all of us may grow in our love for the Eucharist. Let us pray that we will do all we can to spread the word about Blessed Carlo Acutis.