

In the Company of the 1st Millennial Saint!

Dear Loreto Family,

On Friday 30th January we were privileged to join the Catholic family in the Diocese of Salford, in welcoming the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis. Saint Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 to Italian parents and grew up in Milan. Saint Carlo Acutis had a great devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady and used his love of games and the internet to encourage his friends to know Christ and love him just as he did. Carlo Acutis became sick at the age of 15 with a very aggressive form of leukaemia and died shortly after. Even in his pain and suffering Carlo offered up his suffering “for the Pope and the Church” so as not to undergo Purgatory and enter heaven directly” During his time in hospital he still thought more of other people, and nurses noticed that he didn’t want to wake his mother whenever in pain instead saying “ she is very tired as well, and she will only worry more about me.

Our students are grateful to the Diocese and to parents for supporting their involvement. Here is what they had to say:

“When I visited Saint Carlos Acutis’ relics, it was one of the most eye opening experiences. Saint Carlos Acutis was born in London 1991 and grew up in Milan he had a huge devotion to Jesus and he had a real love concern and concern for homeless people but at the age of 15 he got sick of with a very aggressive form of leukaemia and died . **He became the youngest saint of the millennia!** I was very lucky to be able

to touch the relics of Saint Carlos Acutis one of the best trips you could get.”

Pip Year 7

“When I visited Saint Carlos Acutis, It was wonderful. He was a kind boy. he became a Saint is the youngest Saint that I know!”

Mia Year 7

I am a Year 11 student, and I was privileged enough to visit the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis in January with my school. Saint Carlo Acutis is the patron Saint of the internet and died at 15 years old which also happens to be my age. In the short time he lived, he was and is an inspiration to all young people.

From a young age, Saint Carlo Acutis loved going to Mass and feeding the homeless people outside his house which many of us can’t say we do. He always tried to do the right thing by standing up to bullies. He always went to Mass and was consistent. I recently became Catholic, so I also want to try and be consistent in attending Mass just like he was as well as fighting for what is right.

I felt privileged to be able to hold the relics of St Carlo

Acutis because they were only in Manchester for a few days and out of the thousands of students in Catholic schools of Manchester, I was able to hold the relics.

My faith has improved from his story because he was a child just like I am and yet he was so mature and active with his faith. By learning about him, I have wanted to become more intentional in my faith and draw other people to the faith through how I carry myself.

My message to other people is: Whenever you find yourself presented with an opportunity to learn about your faith and someone who has represented your faith in a positive way, always take that chance because it will inspire you to do even more.

Nifemi Olutayo Year 11

