

Carlo Acutis: Fake Saint



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Miles has said before that all canonized saints going back to antiquity are Phoenician scions and agents who more or less bought their way into sainthood. As another data point in support of that claim, I recently tripped across Carlo Acutis. If you, like me, are late to the game, he made waves in 2025 for being the first millennial to achieve sainthood. He died in 2006 at age 15 of leukemia...supposedly. We'll come back to that. He has been referred to as the patron saint of the internet, which is a pathetic thing to patronize and immediately turns this whole charade into a...charade.

As evidence of how far into dishonor the title has fallen, Wikipedia admits Acutis basically did nothing to deserve sainthood.

Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an English-born Italian Catholic teenager known for his devotion to the [Eucharist](#) and his use of digital media to promote [Catholic devotion](#). Born in [London](#) and raised in [Milan](#), he developed an early interest in computers and video games, teaching himself programming and web design and assisting his parish and school with digital projects.

Active in parish life, he served as a [catechist](#) and helped inspire several people to convert to Catholicism. He later created a website documenting [Eucharistic miracles](#) and [Marian apparitions](#).

How many people did he “inspire” to convert to Catholicism? “Several.” Remarkable! And you say he made a website about Eucharistic miracles? Genius! Make this kid a saint ASAP! St. Francis of Assisi healed lepers and raised dead animals back to life, but did he ever make a slick website? No? LAME.

In 2020, he was beatified by the [Catholic Church](#) after its recognition of a 2013 miracle in Campo Grande, capital of a Brazilian state attributed to his [intercession](#), and a second miracle in Italy was attributed in 2024.

What were the miracles, you ask? Who knows – apparently that’s not information Wikipedia thinks its readers would find significant. Just know that he performed two miracles, okay? Wait, let me rephrase that: a miracle was “recognized” as having occurred and it was “attributed” to his “intercession.” But wait, these miracles happened in 2013 and 2020, and he died in 2006. So, did he perform any miracles while alive? No? And wait, how were they able to “attribute” miracles to him postmortem? I get it, somebody prayed to him for a miracle and then it happened; but don’t you already have to be a saint for Catholics to pray to you? Who was praying to this no-name kid before his beatification? His beatification, by the way, took place on 10/10/2020. There’s a nice spooky date for you.

A commentator for the *Catholic Review* has written that skepticism for Acutis's canonisation cause exists among some of the faithful and the secular world, noting that his short life offered few extraordinary actions. A report by *The Economist* interviewed childhood friends of Acutis, who recalled him as kind but not necessarily pious or religious.

But, but...he was *kind*! I mean, it’s so rare these days to meet a kind millennial. Most of them don’t even know how to smile, or operate a gas pump. Acutis could probably do both of those things. After all, his mother claims he was speaking by 5 months and was reading “university-level textbooks” on computing by age 9. Just look at his amazing website!



Hey, it was 2006, so, could be worse. Back to Wikipedia:

Questions have also been raised about financial support provided by Acutis's family, suggesting that it may have accelerated the process.

You don't say. [As NPR reports](#), canonization costs can be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Which raises the question: did Acutis come from money?

Wait, why would sainthood cost anything? Did Joan of Arc pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to be sainted in 1920? Did Saint Francis pay out the nose back in 1228? All it requires is a statement by the Pope, which should be free.

Carlo Acutis was born on 3 May 1991 in London as the eldest child of Italian parents Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, members of wealthy Italian families. His grandfather was businessman [Carlo Giuseppe Maria Acutis](#).^{[4][5][6]} Acutis's parents worked in London and Germany before he was born, and moved back to Italy and settled in [Milan](#) shortly after his birth in May 1991.^{[4][7]} His parents were in family businesses: his father's family worked in the Italian insurance industry, and his mother's ran a publishing company.^[8] Acutis's maternal great-grandmother was born in the United States and came from a family of landowners in New York.^[9] Aside from a few visits to a day care centre, most of Acutis's early care came from nannies.^[8]

Both parents from wealthy families; international milieu; insurance and publishing industries; “landowners” in New York; raised by live-in nannies. Do you get the picture? These are not the kind of people you or I rub shoulders with. Since his grandfather of the same name has his own Wikipedia page, let’s go ahead and take the link:

In 1969, he became CEO of Toro Assicurazioni.... In 1986, [Vittoria Assicurazioni](#)^[1] separated from the Toro Group and became independent. Carlo Acutis acquired the insurance company, listing it on the Milan Stock Exchange in 1988 and remaining at its helm until 2018. He retains the title of honorary chairman of Vittoria Assicurazioni, having passed the chairmanship to his son, Andrea.

Here’s the headquarters of the Acutis’s insurance company in Milan:



But how dare you insinuate they bought their son’s sainthood. Preposterous!

Back to his grandfather:

In addition to his other activities, he is vice-president of the Piedmont Foundation for Cancer Research and an advisor to the Lingotto Musica association. He is a member of the Geneva Association, which addresses the role of insurance companies in the face of risks related to climate change.

Pump the brakes – did you say *cancer research*? And young Carlo died of – what was it? Leukemia? Hmm...

But St. Carlo is really dead, right? I mean, he has to be, because it says that after interring him in 2006, they unearthed his remains years later and “reconstructed his face and hands” with silicone so his body could be displayed in Assisi:



How can you argue with that? It's really him! He definitely died, and he's definitely a real person who lived, too:



Okay, that's obviously a paste-up, but what about all these?





Notice anything odd? He's wearing a backpack in almost every single photo that exists of him. This is true no matter what age. Weird, no? He looks pasted onto the background in several of those photos, too. And why are there no photos of him with his parents? There's almost nothing on the internet, and what there is, is unconvincing:



That's horrible!



The one with his dad has that same pasted-in look. In the one with his mom, his Peter Pan collar is sharply in focus for some reason, and again, what's with the backpack? In the one with all three of them, his dad looks unnaturally flat and skewed. Then there are a bunch of pictures of Carlo with a random Hindu man that he supposedly converted:



Also unconvincing. We are supposed to believe this Rajesh Mohur was hired to be Carlo's full-time nanny. A male nanny, really? Unlikely. Even more unlikely, [they admit](#) Rajesh was from a Brahmin family, the highest Hindu caste. Yet we're told he was struggling to find employment. So, what qualifications did he have to be a full-time nanny? None of this makes sense. By the way, Mohur is a type of gold coin that has been issued in India since the 1500s, and was commonly minted by the British East India Company. I guess it's the Indian equivalent of the last name Gold, and you know what that means.

Here are two more photos of Carlo, both CGI:



In the first, his left shoulder (our right) is obviously spliced. In the second, check out where the chin and lower cheek meet on his right side. The coloring and shading are all wonky. Not to mention the hair being a big blurry mass, a typical sign of AI generation.

His grandfather, by the way, was a Knight of the Legion of Honour and a Knight of the Order of Merit for Labour. The former is the highest and most prestigious **French** order of merit that exists, having been established by Napoleon in 1802. If you are wondering why a British-Italian citizen received the highest French honor...so am I. His wife, young Carlo's grandmother, was Maria Henrietta Perlowska from Warsaw. If you think that makes her Polish, think again. From Google AI:

The surname [Perlowska](#) (and variations like Perlowicz, Perlowski) is strongly linked to Eastern European Jewish heritage, deriving from the Yiddish word [perel](#) (pearl)...

For instance, see John Perlowski, member of BlackRock's Global Executive Committee.

That makes our St. Carlo at least one-quarter Jewish. A Jewish saint, who ever heard of such a thing?

Through their insurance company the Acutises are closely connected with [the Agnelli family](#), since the Acutises helped the Agnellis take over the company in 1983, and then took it over themselves three years later. An Agnelli is also currently president of the Piedmont Foundation for Cancer Research, of which Acutis is vice-president. So these families are basically attached at the hip. Who are the Agnellis?

The **Agnellis** are a [family](#) of [Italian entrepreneurs](#) who have played a central role in the country's economic, political, and sporting history. Their name is linked to the [automotive industry](#) through [FIAT](#), founded in 1899, and to the world of sport with their majority ownership of [Juventus](#) since 1949, as well as their management of [Sisport](#).

It gets better. They're closely linked to the Nasi family, owners of Exor, one of Europe's largest financial institutions. The Nasis are Jewish, of course; Nasi is Hebrew for "prince". **Think Nazi**. The Agnellis are related to the Nasis by marriage, and the Agnellis themselves got their start in the 1800s with spinning mills and banking. So they must be Jewish, too. Since we now know the Acutises are Jewish, it also fits together nicely. Through marital unions, the Agnellis have established ties with the Fürstenbergs and the Hohenlohes, taking us to the top of the European peerage. This is the sort of milieu out of which our "saint" comes.

Another board member at the Piedmont Foundation for Cancer Research is [Michele Coppola](#) (a relative of Francis Ford?), who happens to work for Intesa Sanpaolo, a major international banking group and **Italy's largest bank**. His title there is Executive Director of Art, Culture and Historical Heritage. I'm not joking, that is a real job at a *bank*. You should ask yourself why an international banking group would be so interested in promoting art, culture, and historical heritage. The answer is, it's not. It's interested in promoting fake art, fake culture, and fake history. One of his other job titles was Councillor for Culture and Youth Policies for the Piedmont Region. So it's beginning to look like St. Carlo is some sort of advertising stunt. Out of curiosity, I googled "Catholic church popularity among Italian youth", and here's what Google AI spat out:

The Catholic Church's popularity with Italian youth is declining in active practice, with many identifying nominally as Catholic but rarely attending Mass, showing a shift towards personalized spirituality, secular values like freedom, and distractions from modern society, though cultural traditions like sacraments remain significant and figures like [Blessed Carlo Acutis](#) offer inspiration for a revitalized faith.

Telling, isn't it, that Google is pushing Acutis in the context of waning Catholic allegiance among young people. It's almost like Acutis was canonized simply in order to draw more young people into catholicism. They pretty much admit it, per the NPR article:

Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino in Assisi, tells NPR that Acutis' lightning-fast rise is a confluence between God's will and the needs of the Catholic Church in this particular era. Acutis is a saint for young people, just at the time that the church is trying to bring more of Generation Z to Mass. "Young people nowadays are so difficult," Sorrentino says. "The model of a young man who found his joy, the sense of his life in Jesus, is so very important."

That just about explains it, doesn't it? But this isn't merely a case of the Catholic Church in search of a hip young saint. It seems pretty clear that they created Carlo Acutis wholecloth. The real Carlo, if there ever was one, may as well be a ghost since his entire story is a fabrication.

But this project works on many levels. It pushes cancer research, which has always been a massive conjob. It pushes insurance, another huge conjob. It pushes social media as a religious outreach tool, which is bogus. [Here's the mother](#) of one of the children miraculously healed because of St. Carlo:

"Before, I didn't even use my cell phone, I was averse to technology. Carlo changed my way of thinking, he was known for talking about Jesus on the Internet, and I realized that my testimony would be a way to evangelize and give hope to other families. Today I understand that everything new can be good, if we use it for good."

Completely scripted. It positively reeks of it.

And it pushes international travel and tourism, which probably explains the backpack motif. The NPR article, for example, ends with a photo of Assisi and the caption:

A sunset seen from the city of Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Umbria, Italy, renowned as the birthplace of St. Francis and famous for its medieval architecture, basilicas and breathtaking views over the valley.

So apparently the Assisi board of tourism is in on this, too, even helping to write copy for the NPR article. Not that I'm against visiting old European towns. On the contrary. But I am against going there on pilgrimage to fawn over a fake wax figure in a glass case. Funny, though, how after years of blackwashing the Catholic Church, they're suddenly pushing it again. My assumption is that the Catholic Church itself was sick of being the

punchline and is spending lots of marketing dollars to improve its tarnished image. For the record, I have no problem with young people converting to Catholicism; it's better than most alternatives. But if you do, be wary of praying to fake saints like Acutis. Jesus only taught his disciples to pray to God the Father, after all. You don't need any fake intermediaries, especially rich Jewish kids who never did anything but be rich and Jewish.