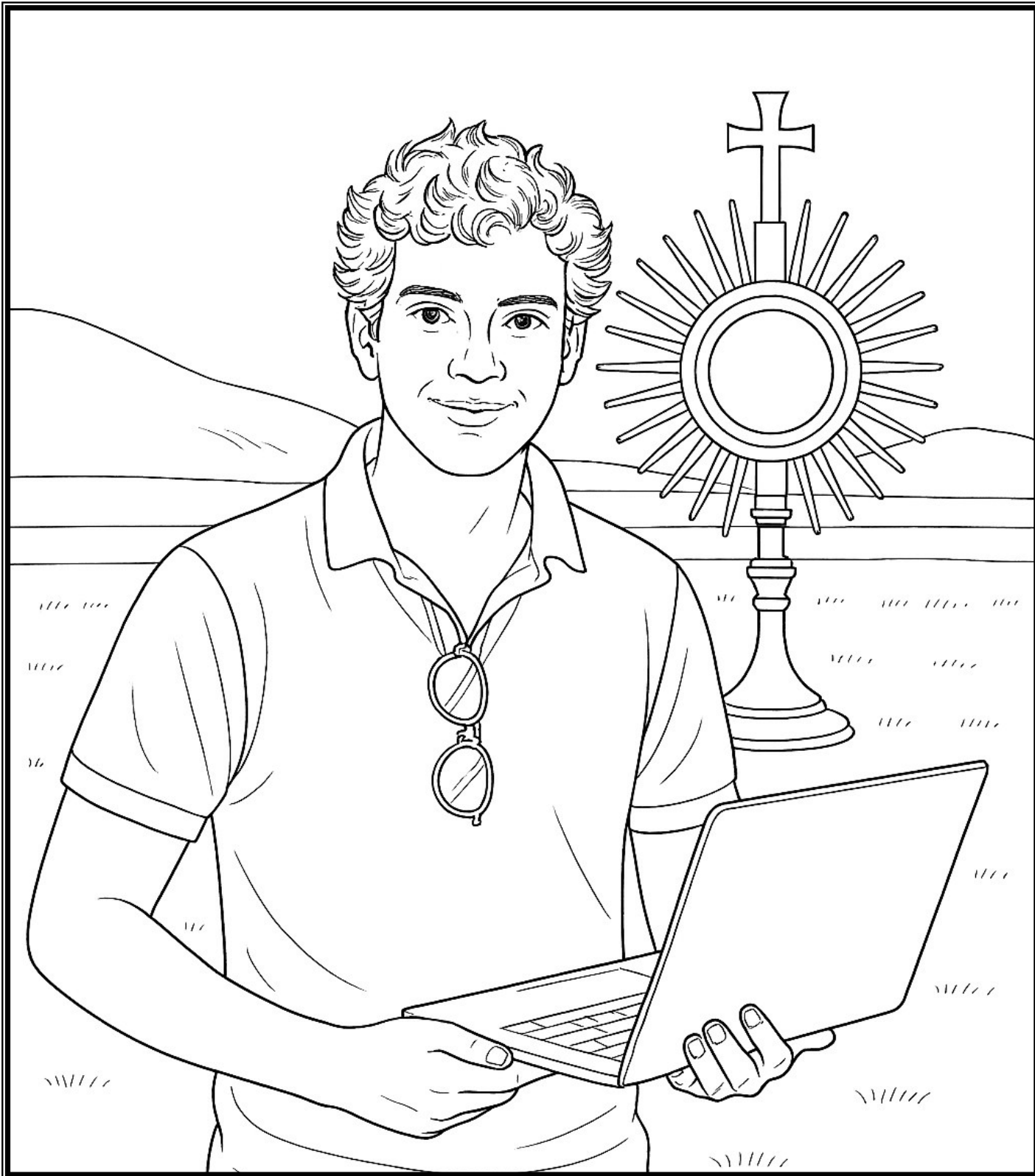
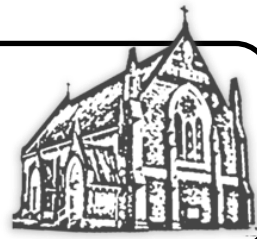




St Mary's Parish — Children's Bulletin

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**"If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans ...
but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist,
we become Saints." - St Carlo Acutis**

OUR YOUNGEST AND NEWEST SAINT!

St. Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991 in London to Italian parents. From an early age he loved Jesus and Mary, attending daily Mass, praying the rosary, and practicing Eucharistic adoration from a young age. His parents were amazed by his faith and he inspired them to take their faith more seriously. Despite his privileged upbringing, Carlo lived simply. He often urged his parents to donate to the poor and even worked hard himself to help the homeless in Milan.

A tech-savvy teenager, Carlo taught himself coding and built websites to spread Catholic teachings. His biggest project was building a website teaching about the many Eucharistic miracles. He saw that God wanted him to use his unique gifts to bring people to Jesus, and that God also had a unique plan for everyone. He once said “All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies.” Carlo urged others to live for God and find God’s plan for them.

Even though he spent a lot of time praying and helping others, he also liked soccer and video games and other normal things for his age. He had a playful sense of humour that his friends enjoyed.

In October 2006, Carlo fell ill and was diagnosed with leukemia. He faced his illness with courage, offering his suffering for the Pope and the Church. He died on October 12, 2006, at age 15 in Monza, Italy. His fame grew after his death because many miracles occurred when people prayed to him. After the Church examined some of these miracles and found them to be real, Pope Leo XIV declared him to be a saint on September 7, 2025 (last Sunday!).

He is a patron saint of children, youth, computers and the internet. You can pray to him too, asking for his help with anything you need, especially in becoming a saint in your own unique way.

St Carlo’s life proves great holiness is possible with God’s help, even in ordinary lives using the technology and gifts of our time. You too can become a saint like Carlo Acutis!



St Carlos Acutis’ advice to Young People

“I want to tell you a few of my very special secrets which will help you quickly reach sainthood. Always remember that you, too, can become a saint! First, you have to want it with your whole heart, and if you do not have the desire yet, you must ask the Lord for it with insistence. Try to go to Mass every day and take holy Communion. If you can, try to spend a few minutes in Eucharistic adoration before the tabernacle where Jesus is truly present. In this way, you’ll see how your level of holiness increases! Remember to recite the holy Rosary every day. Read a passage from holy Scripture every day. If you can, confess [go to Reconciliation] every week, even for venial sins. Make promises often to God and the Virgin Mary to help others. Ask your guardian angel, who must become your best friend, for help”



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

On very rare occasions there have been *miracles* where the Eucharist has changed in an amazing way to remind us that it is really Jesus. This happened in India just 12 years ago. The face of Jesus appeared on a Host during the Mass (see picture). Recently, the Church recognised it is a real miracle. The Church usually takes a while to recognise miracles because they need to make sure that there is no other explanation for how something happened. We know the