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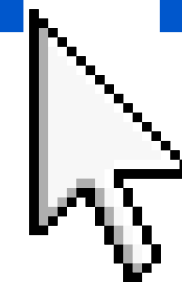
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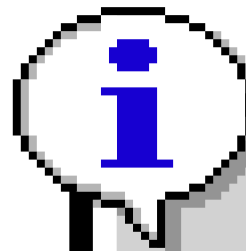
# CANONIZATION

HOW DO YOU BECOME A SAINT?



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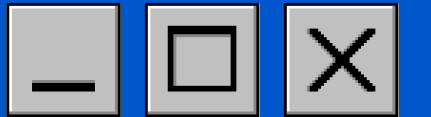


## DEFINING A SAINT



A saint is a person recognized for their extraordinary holiness, virtue, and closeness to God, often serving as an example for others to follow. Sainthood is a formal status, with saints respected as intercessors with God.

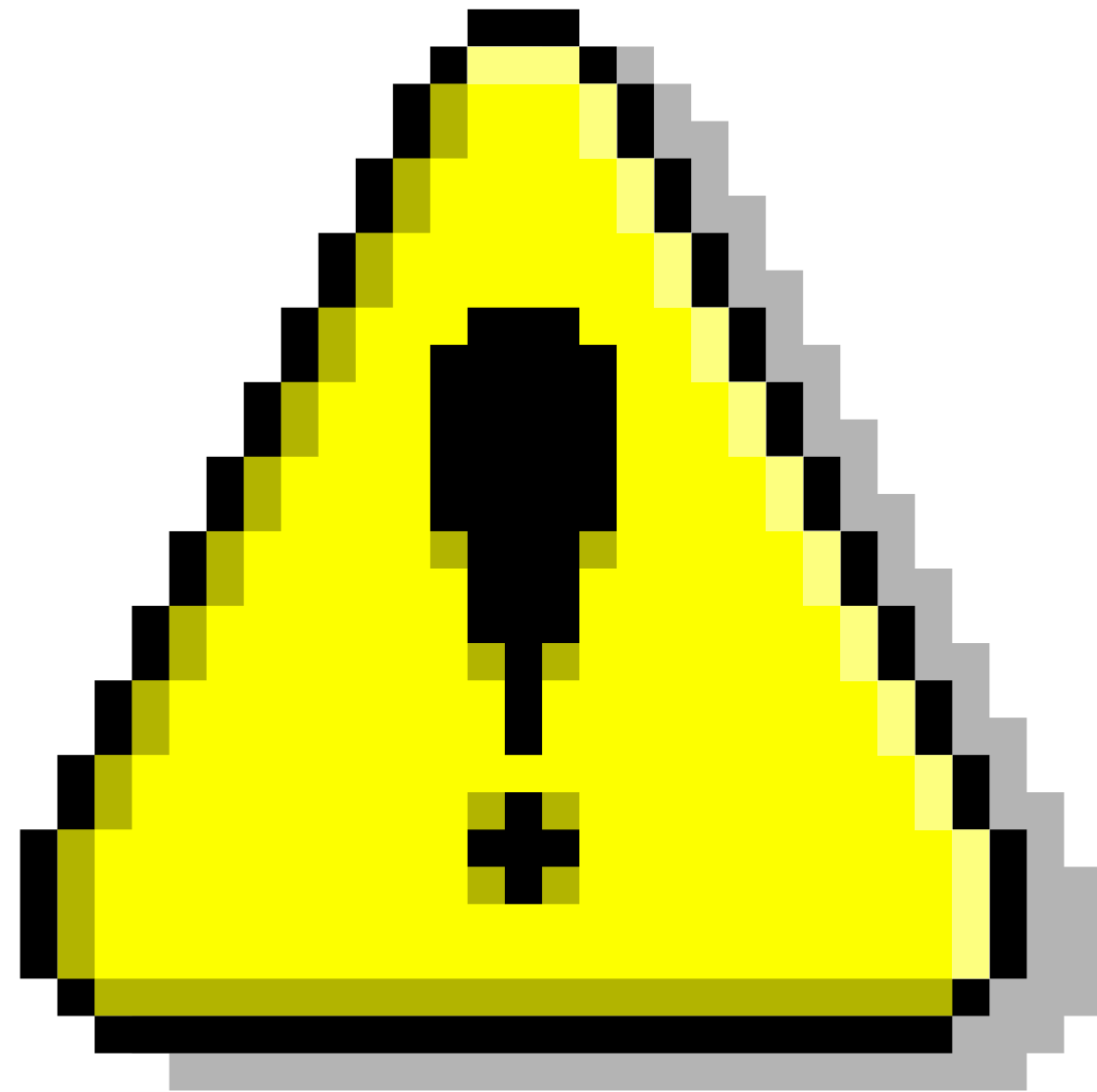




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WHAT IS THE  
PROCESS TO  
BECOME A  
SAINT?



## Step 1

Before the Church considers anyone for canonization, they have to no longer be living. Five years after the death, the local bishop opens an official cause for canonization. As long as there is no objection from the Catholic Church, the cause opens and the person is declared a “Servant of God.”



## Step 2

Next the Catholic Church investigates to see if they lived with heroic virtue.

Depending on the person, this step can take many years.



In some cases, this also includes seeing whether the person's death was a martyrdom for the faith.





## Step 3

Next, the bishop submits it to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Nine theologians review and vote to approve or deny the Cause.

When cleared, the Cause finally moves to the Pope who finalizes whether to continue or not.

If the Pope approves their heroic virtue, he declares them to be a “Venerable.” If the findings also support a true martyrdom, the person is a “Blessed” instead.



## Step 4

Once a Venerable, the person must have a miracle attributed to their intercession.

All potential miracles go through a similar rigorous process for authenticity.



Science must not be able to explain the miracle.

After the Church approves the miracle, the Pope declares the Venerable to be a Blessed.



## Step 5

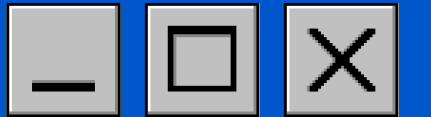
Like in the last step, the Blessed requires another approved miracle to move to the final stage.

This miracle must take place after their beatification occurred.

After he approves the second miracle, the Pope declares them a saint. According to the Catholic Church, the saint is in heaven.



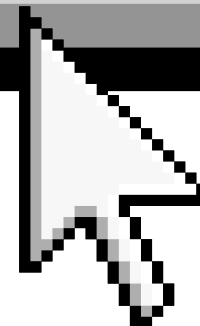
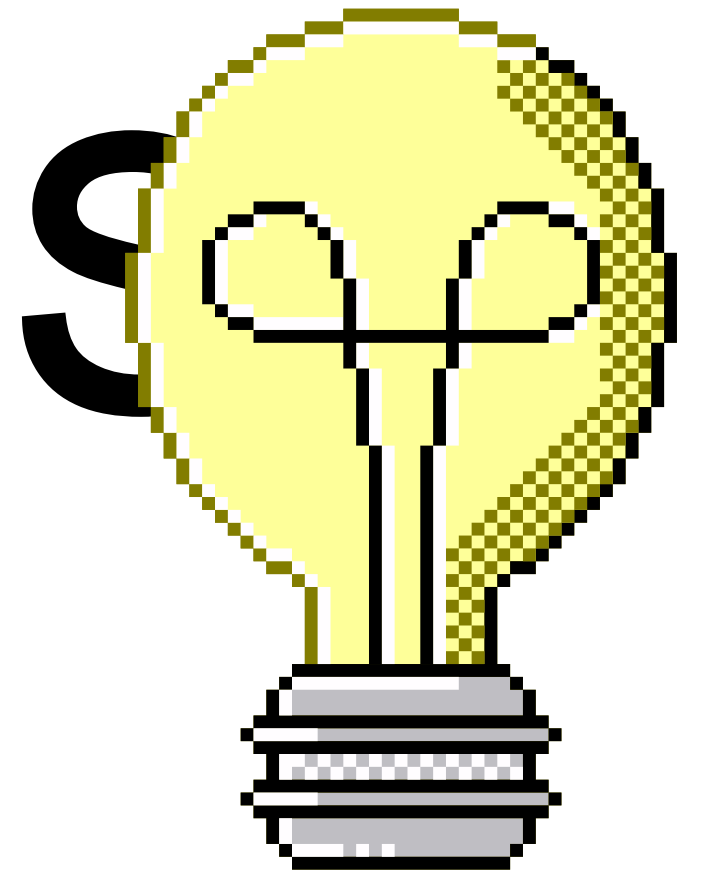




Why do we care about this right now?



CARLO ACUT



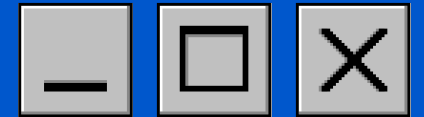


# CARLO ACUTIS

He is an Italian teenager who  
is the First Millennial Saint!

He was canonised by Pope Leo  
**YESTERDAY**  
*(Sunday 7th September)*





### WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIM?



He is a a relatable role model who used technology to spread the faith and earn the nickname "God's influencer."

Saint Carlo, who is known as the "saint in sneakers", has been touted as the patron saint of the internet for his work cataloguing miracles and evangelising online.





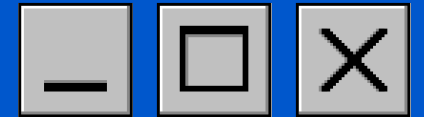


Born in London in 1991 but raised in Milan, Saint Carlo loved gaming, computer programming, soccer, Pokémon, and his dog Billy.



He was particularly passionate about Eucharistic miracles: supernatural events involving consecrated bread and wine as the literal body and blood of Jesus Christ.





At 11 years old, he created an interactive website cataloguing these miracles around the world. It is still accessible today, and has been displayed as an exhibition on five continents.

He also catalogued visions of the Virgin Mary and built websites for religious causes.







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