# October 12th: Memorial of Saint Carlo Acutis

**Gospel text (*Mt* 5:13-16):** Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth (…). You are the light of the world (…). Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father”.

***Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)***

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Today Jesus calls us to abandon ourselves without hesitation to the adventure that he offers us, with the intelligence and strength that comes from his Spirit. In this setting, we look to Saint Carlo Acutis: a teenager from our own day, in love with Jesus and ready to give everything for him.

Carlo encountered Jesus in his family, and then at school, and above all in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community. He grew up naturally integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man.

This young saint cultivated his love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts, available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used to say: «In front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!». And he wrote: «The only thing we really have to fear is sin»; and he marveled because «people are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies and do not care about the beauty of their souls».

—Saint Carlo Acutis is an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces. He encourages us with his words: «Not I, but God».