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**A RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS TO BE BROUGHT TO
THE UNITED STATES**

***The young Carlo held up as a witness of the national Eucharistic Revival in
the USA. The schedule of the mission from 3 to 8 April released***

ASSISI – A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought to the United States. Responding to the request of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and coinciding with the exhibit in New York of the “Museum of Memory, Assisi 1943-1944,” Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi-Nocera Umbra-Gualdo Tadino and of Foligno, will bring a First Class relic of Carlo Acutis, the first millennial in the world to be declared a Blessed. The relic of this youth is a fragment of the pericardium, the membrane that surrounded and protected his heart, and will accompany the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, announced by the US Bishops last November, to renew faith and rekindle belief in the value and real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died from galloping leukaemia at the tender age of 15 in 2006, centered his life on the Eucharist precisely to grow in his relationship with Jesus: “The more we receive the Eucharist,” he would say, “the more we will become like Jesus.” He strove to attend daily Mass and spend time in Adoration, believing that “when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints.”

During Archbishop Sorrentino’s days in the New York area, accompanied by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo, responsible for International Relations, and Marina Rosati, responsible for the Museum of Memory, he will celebrate Mass in the Diocese of Rockville Center for 2,400 students at Saint Anthony’s High School, South Huntington, where the relic will be exposed. In the Diocese of Brooklyn, he will lead a Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Astoria, and a high school rally at Holy Family church, Flushing, again with exposition of the relic.

On Thursday evening, April 7, the relic will be handed to a delegation of the Bishops’ Conference at a Mass at Saint Rita’s church, Bronx, in the Archdiocese of New York, celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. “It is a joy for me to carry this relic from Assisi,” Archbishop Sorrentino remarks, “where Blessed Carlo said he felt ‘happiest of all’ and where his remains lie today in the Sanctuary of Renunciation, the very place where Saint Francis, 800 years earlier, stripped himself of everything to follow Jesus. My prayer is that the presence of Blessed Carlo’s relic stir a desire within our American brothers and sisters, especially the young, not to waste life, but rather to make of it a masterpiece, as chosen by Blessed Carlo in our own times and Saint Francis before him.”

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