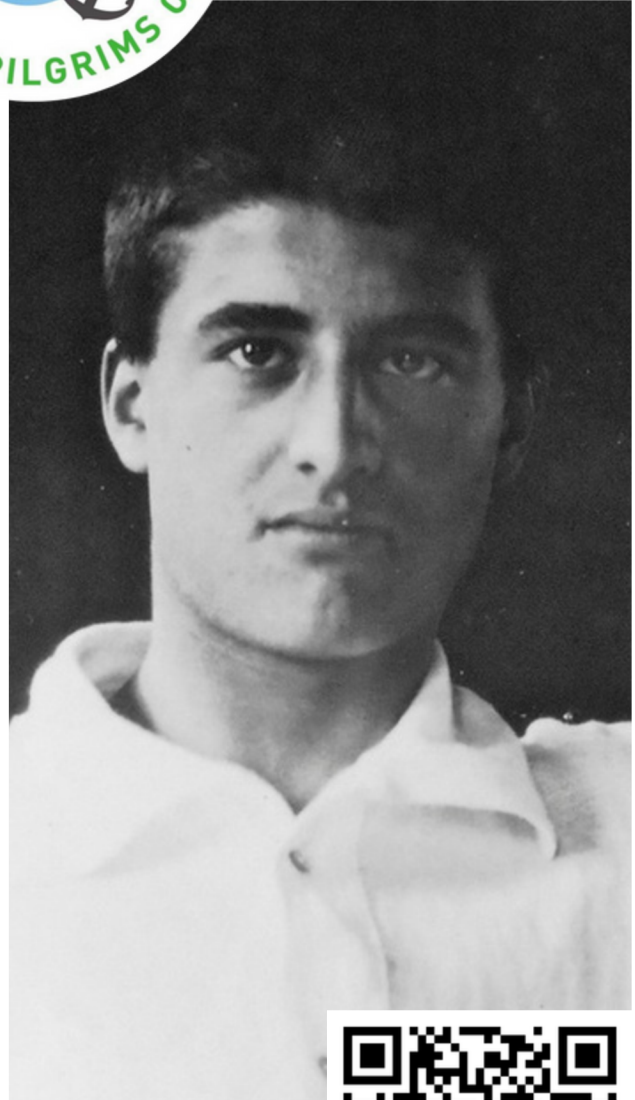


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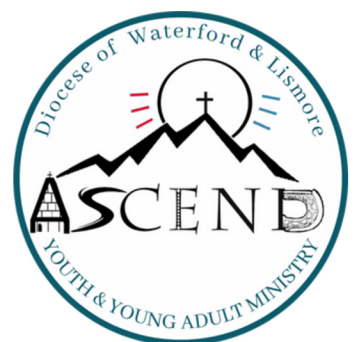
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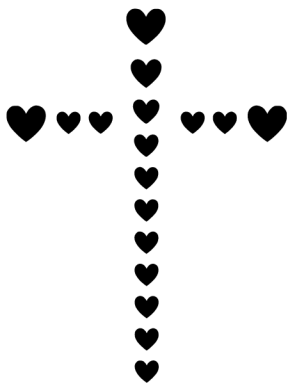


What is Love?

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Below is the full Scripture passage that St Pier Giorgio Frassati transcribed by hand and kept in his pocket. It is often known as St Paul's Hymn to Charity.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

NIV Translation

Prayer for the Intercession of St Carlo Acutis



O God our Father, we thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. You made him fall in love with your son Jesus, making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven." You gave him Mary as a beloved mother, and you made him, through the Rosary, a cantor of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted. Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace that I need (mention your intention). Amen

Prayer for the Courage to be Great



Heavenly Father, Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals, to flee every temptation to be mediocre. Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did, and to open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness. Free me from the fear of failure. I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You. Grant me the graces I ask You through Pier Giorgio's intercession, by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ST CARLO ACUTIS - PRAY FOR US!

ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI - PRAY FOR US!

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

- "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven!"
- "All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies."
- "To be always close to Jesus, that's my life plan."
- "Happiness is looking towards God. Sadness is looking towards yourself."
- "If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans. If we get in front of the Eucharist, we become saints."
- "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God."
- "The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we become similar to Jesus and already on this earth we foretaste Heaven!"
- "Our aim has to be the infinite and not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in heaven!"
- "What does it matter if you can win a thousand battles if you cannot win against your own corrupt passions? The real battle is with ourselves."



**St Carlo
Acutis**

- "Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."
- "In prayer the soul rises above life's sadnesses."
- "Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity; if anything, I think it will be even more alive in the next life!"
- "In God's marvelous plan, Divine Providence often uses the tiniest twigs to do good works."
- "To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not living but existing; we must never exist but live."
- "...Every so often I ask myself: will I continue on the right path? Will I have the strength to persevere all the way? In the face of this pang of doubt, the faith given to me in Baptism reassures me of this: by yourself, you will accomplish nothing, but if you place God at the centre of all your actions, then you will reach the goal."
- "In a world gone astray from God there is no peace, but it also lacks charity, which is true and perfect love."



**St Pier Giorgio
Frassati**