

SAVE THE DATE

Carlo Acutis Faith Sharing Nights Featuring Jonathon Blevins and Special Guests "Being Originals and Not Photocopies"

Faith sharing is an opportunity to invite teens to experience Christ beyond an invitation to Church.

Teens are invited to a powerful, engaging evening that will leave them with the message, "You are not alone! I am with you always!"

The evening will find inspiration in teenager Saint Carlo Acutis, whose life motto of "**Being originals and not photocopies**" reflects how any teenager can strive to be the best version of themselves, living the ordinary in an extraordinary way.

Carlo's true passion was the Eucharist – "his highway to heaven". At the age of 11, Carlo began to investigate the Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in history. He used all his computer knowledge and talents to create a website that traced that history. It comprises 160 panels and that have also made the rounds of more than 10,000 parishes in the world.

Purity was very important in Carlo's life. "The dignity of each human being was so great, that Carlo saw sexuality as something very special, as it was collaborating with God's creation," his mother recalled.

He was diagnosed with one of the worst types of leukemia – Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML or M3). His reaction was striking: "I offer to the Lord the sufferings that I will have to undergo for the Pope and for the Church, so as not to have to be in Purgatory and be able to go directly to heaven."

"He is being a priest from heaven," says his mother. **We all called to be Saints.**

Free for All Youth Ministry and Confirmation Prep Youth

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 26	Special Guest	Fr. Connor Danstrom
Tuesday, February 23	Special Guest	Bill Wennington – Former Chicago Bulls Player
Tuesday, March 30	Special Guest	Fr. Dan Folwaczny
Tuesday, April 20	Special Guest	TBA
Tuesday, May 25	Special Guest	TBA

Jonathan Blevins AKA "Bearded Blevins"

Jon is a former youth minister and current Director of Evangelization and Formation at St. James Catholic Church in Arlington Heights. And he's a gamer. Famous for using his streaming platform for "Faith Nites" he's quoted saying, "Jesus — what did He do when He walked around? He went to where people were spending their time. He met people where they were at."

All Faith Sharing Nights will take place via ZOOM from 7 to 8 p.m.

Register via your parish Religious Education coordinator or Youth Minister.

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