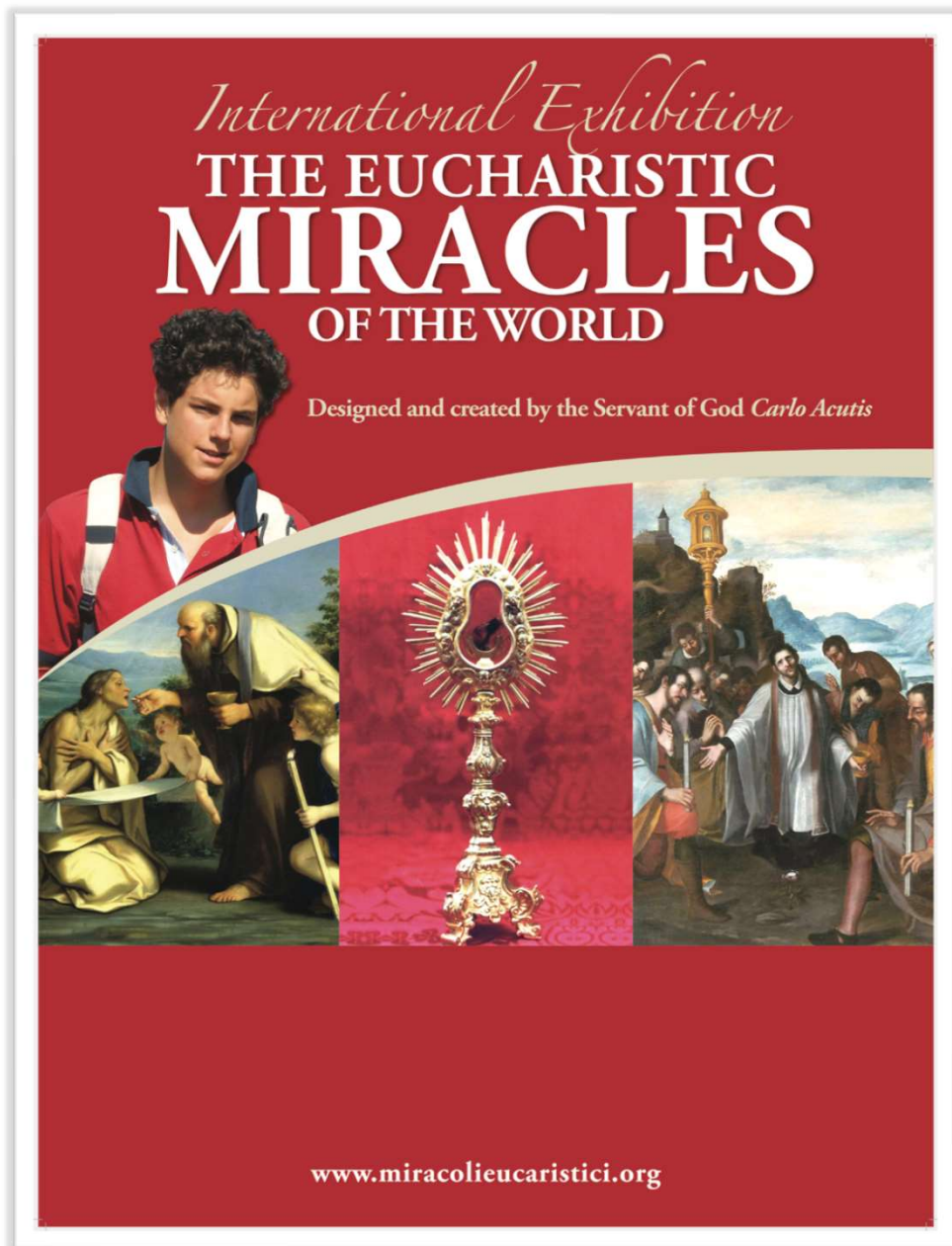




Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition at Sacred Heart VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK





Blessed Carlo Acutis
May 3rd, 1991 – October 12th, 2006

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition At Sacred Heart Church



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Planning Committee/Coordinators

- Fr Arjay
- Rita Shank
- Tim Dahm
- Pat Balis
- Connie Pinilla

When is the Exhibit?

Date	Time	
Thursday September 28th	10:30am to 1:30pm	4:00pm to 6:00 pm
Friday September 29th	10:30am to 1:30pm	4:00pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday September 30th	10:00am to 6:00pm	
Sunday October 1st	8:30am to 6:30pm	

What is the purpose of the Exhibition?

To promote awareness of the **Real Presence of our Lord** in the Eucharist, and encourage Eucharistic adoration.

What is “The Real Presence?”

- At the point of Consecration within a Mass, bread and wine are transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.
- This change is not merely symbolic, but real and substantive in every sense - an inexhaustible mystery that the Church can never fully explain in words.
- It is in the Eucharist that we truly find the Heart of Jesus nearest to us; it is in the Eucharist that He unites himself in a most intimate way to us, and we to Him.
- We are truly privileged to encounter Christ this way, however it is estimated that a mere 30% of Catholics understand or believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

What is the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition?

- The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition is a catalogued collection of Miracles, recognized by the Catholic Church, that have occurred through the centuries in various countries.
- Eucharistic Miracles are itemized by location of occurrence (City, town etc., country) in interpretive panels.
- You can 'virtually visit' the Eucharistic Miracles in their places of occurrence.

What is a Eucharistic Miracle?

- Eucharistic Miracles consist of unexplained phenomena occurring after transubstantiation (the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ).

Examples:

- The host visibly transforming into human tissue.
- A host surviving fire, or other catastrophe.
- A host (physically) bleeding.
- The host thwarting attempts of desecration or theft.
- The Eucharist providing protection against natural catastrophe (Fire, Earthquakes)
- The Eucharist alone providing sustenance to a human being for a prolonged period of time.

Legnica, Poland



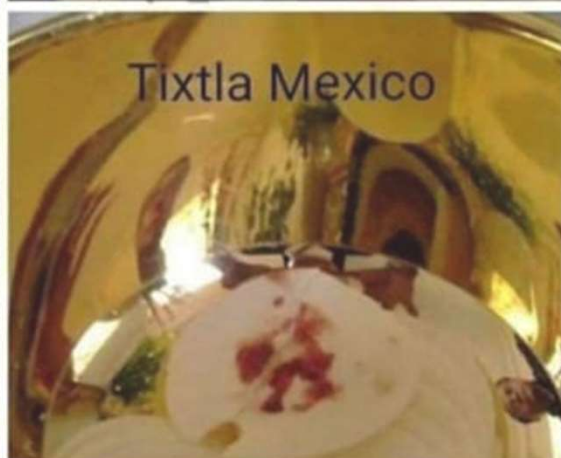
Buenos Aires, Argentina



Sokolka, Poland



Tixtla Mexico





[How a Eucharistic miracle is approved by the Church](#)

Authenticating Eucharistic Miracles

- Occurrences undergo rigorous investigation by specialized, multi-disciplinary teams before being proclaimed “authentic”
- Modern technological means are often used to investigate and confirm miracles.
- Belief in approved miracles is not mandated by the Catholic Church, but can:
 - Deepen our faith.
 - Reassure one’s belief of God’s presence in our world.

Who created the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit?

Blessed Carlo Acutis

- Carlo was born May 3rd, 1991 (London) and died October 12, 2006 (Milan), aged 15, of leukemia.
- He was beatified October 10th, 2020.
- Carlo was an artist, cartoonist, and avid computer enthusiast.
- He researched and catalogued Eucharistic Miracles from across the world, creating the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition that can be viewed virtually (via the web) and physically displayed (via printed panels).



- Carlo's goal – To help bring people closer to Jesus through awareness of the mystery of the Eucharist
- He is the first millennial to be declared Blessed.
- Carlo Acutis: "Jesus is my great friend, and the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven."



The Life of Blessed Carlo Acutis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC_oZIY_f5w

How is the Exhibit organized?

Panels are organized as follows:

- Eucharistic Miracles by Country
- Saints, Mystics and the Eucharist
- Our Lady of the Eucharist
- Miraculous Communications

Countries in which Eucharistic Miracles were Catalogued

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- Argentina
 - Austria
 - Belgium
 - Columbia
 - Croatia
 - Egypt
 - France
 - India
 - Island of La Reunion
 - Italy
 - Germany
 - Holland-Netherlands
 - Martinique, Caribbean Island
 - Mexico
 - Peru
 - Poland
 - Portugal
 - Spain
 - Switzerland
 - Venezuela

Are there Miracles in Canada and the USA?

Yes

In the 1940s, in a small mission church in Cowley, AB.

- Handout/brochure on the Book Table



The Eucharistic Miracle of
COWLEY, Alberta

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXHPKJ0i-Vo>

St Thomas Catholic Church in Thomas, Connecticut



“Shocking” Eucharistic miracle being
investigated in United States

<https://aleteia.org/2023/03/29/shocking-eucharistic-miracle-being-investigated-in-united-states/>

Priest reports possible eucharistic
miracle at Connecticut church

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253944/priest-reports-possible-eucharistic-miracle-at-connecticut-church>



What roles are there for Volunteering?

There are two roles:

1. Exhibition Monitor
2. Donation & Book Table Host/Hostess

- **There must always be a Coordinator at the Exhibit**

What are my Responsibilities?

Enchanter's Miracle of WALLDÜRN

GERMANY CASE

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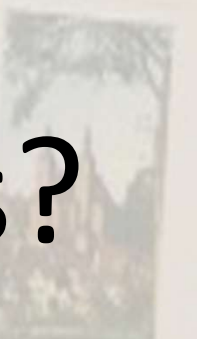
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Exhibition Monitor

- Answer visitor questions
- Instruct guests not to touch the displays
- Ensure displays are not damaged
- Ensure there is no food or drink brought into the display areas

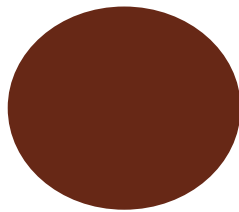
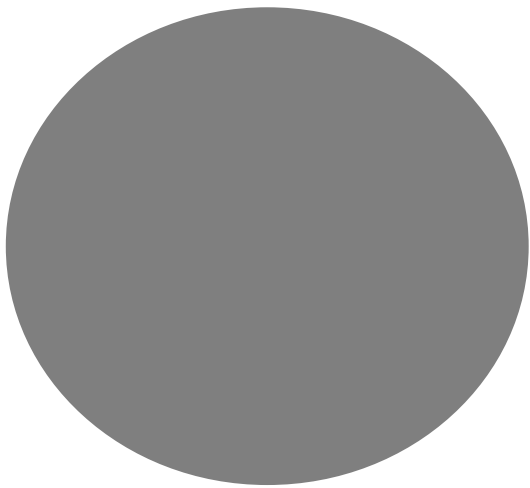
Book & Donation Table

Host/Hostess:

- Assist guests with donations and book purchase (Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or QR Code)
- If books sell out, take guest's name and number, for re-orders
- Books can also be purchased at the Parish Office
- Donations can be Tax Deductible by completing the pink donations envelope in full
 - Tax Deducible receipt can be issued to guests from other parishes
- There will be a \$200 float for change in a cash box
- All monies are to be deposited in the deposit box at the table
- At the end of each day, the Coordinator empties the deposit box into an envelope and stores it in a secured office location
- Do not leave the table or cash box unattended

What is “Sponsor a Miracle”?

- “Sponsor a Miracle” is another form of Donation
- Guests, Volunteers and Friends can use their smart phone to access the QR Code to sponsor a miracle.
- During the sponsorship donation process, the donor may specify which panel they are sponsoring.
- The minimum donation is \$50.
- After the Exhibit, a list of Miracles and the donor names will be posted in the Narthex.



Eucharistic Facts

The Eucharist in Scripture

- Several passages from the New Testament show where this teaching finds its primary source. A more lengthy discussion of the sacrament of the Eucharist can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- The strongest reference comes from Jesus himself in John 6:54-57.
- Here Jesus says:
 - Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have Eternal Life

Jesus is truly present, body, blood,
soul and divinity

The Catholic Church teaches a dogma called “transubstantiation,” which the Catechism explains thus: “By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood” (CCC 1376).

Does the bread cease to be bread and the wine cease to be wine?

Yes. In order for the whole Christ to be present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—the bread and wine cannot remain, but must give way so that his glorified Body and Blood may be present. Thus in the Eucharist the bread ceases to be bread in substance, and becomes the Body of Christ, while the wine ceases to be wine in substance, and becomes the Blood of Christ. As St. Thomas Aquinas observed, Christ is not quoted as saying, "This bread is my body," but "This is my body" (Summa Theologiae, III q. 78, a. 5).

Does the consecrated bread and wine cease to be the Body and Blood of Christ when the Mass is over?

No. During the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and this they remain. They cannot turn back into bread and wine, for they are no longer bread and wine at all.



Where can I get more information about Eucharistic Miracles and Carlo Acutis?



The Eucharistic Miracles of the World
by Carlos Acutis

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>

Catalogue Book of the Vatican
International Exhibition

http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl_mir.htm





Thank you for
Volunteering

The Real Presence of Christ

Resource Page

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a central dogma of the Catholic faith: when the priest consecrates bread and wine during the Mass, they are transformed into the literal body and blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ.



[How is the Eucharist the real presence of Christ?](#)

[Understanding The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist](#)

[Jesus said, 'This is my body,' and he meant it](#)

[4 Incredible Eucharistic miracles that defy scientific explanation](#)

[Eucharistic Miracles: Evidence of the Real Presence](#)

[How Does the Catholic Church Investigate Eucharistic Miracles?](#)



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