

The Eagle's Nest

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Come Fly With Me



Dear youth and friends in Christ, September is a month of new beginnings — a time when schools reopen, routines settle back in. It is also a time when

our ministry looks ahead to a new year, after just celebrating our one-year anniversary and summer of celebration. This fresh season is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the mission God has entrusted to Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry: to spread the Gospel with joy, courage, and creativity. Every act of love — whether through prayer, service, or encouragement — is a thread in the tapestry of God's Kingdom. At our last Faith and Fellowship night, we celebrated our first year and reflected on the example of Blessed Carlo Acutis, our chosen **patron saint**. His life reminds us that we don't need to wait for the "perfect" moment to serve God — we start now, with what we have, right where we are. I invite each of you to ask: How can I serve God in a new way this season? The work is great, but the Lord equips those He calls. Let us step into this season ready to soar higher, trusting in the One who strengthens us.

~ Fr. Samy, Spiritual Director ~

Founder's Message



In Luke 8:45, the woman who suffered for twelve years was healed after touching the fringe of Jesus' garment. The garment itself had no power — it was

her faith and the contact with Jesus that brought healing. Throughout history, God has worked through sacred items to manifest His power: the True Cross recognized by a miraculous healing, Elijah's cloak parting the Jordan, St. Paul's garments bringing healing, and St. Peter's shadow restoring the sick. In Catholicism, such items are known as relics:

- First Class — from the body of a saint (hair, bone, blood)
- Second Class — something the saint used (clothing, rosary, staff)
- Third Class — anything touched to a First or Second Class Relic

Relics remind us that it is not the object itself that heals, but God's mighty hand working through our faith. Even faith as small as a mustard seed can unleash His power (Mark 11:22–24).

This September 7th, as we await the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis — our **patron saint** — may we be inspired by his unwavering trust in God.

In Focus

Looking Ahead: Faith in Action for Year Two

With the joy of our one-year celebration still fresh in our hearts, Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry now steps into its second year with renewed purpose. Over the past twelve months, God has proven His faithfulness — guiding our gatherings, blessing our outreach, and strengthening our community.

Our mission remains clear: to share the Gospel, serve others with love, and grow together in holiness. This year, we are challenging ourselves to live out our faith in more visible, intentional ways. Faith is not only what we believe — it's what we do.

-Let's make this September a month of faith in action:

-Look for one way each week to serve someone in need.

-Use your words to encourage, not tear down.

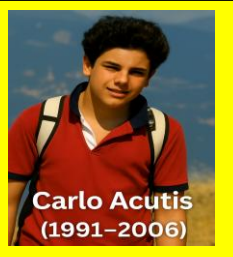
Share your faith — in person, online, or through acts of kindness.

Year Two of ERCM holds countless opportunities to grow deeper in prayer, stronger in faith, and bolder in service. This is our season to serve, to shine, and to soar — together in Christ.



Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry

Saint of the Month: Blessed Carlo Acutis (To Be Canonized September 7th, 2025)



Last month, we introduced you to Blessed Carlo Acutis — the young man whose love for the Eucharist, devotion to Our Lady, and creative use of

technology continue to inspire people around the world. This month, we return to him — not to repeat his story, but to go deeper — because Blessed Carlo is the chosen **patron saint** for Eagle Rising Catholic Ministry. His life and mission reflect the very heart of who we are and what we seek to do.

Carlo understood something many spend a lifetime searching for: that holiness is simply loving God with all your heart and serving Him with the gifts you've been given. He once said, "To be always close to Jesus, that's my life plan." For him, the Eucharist wasn't just a devotion — it was the center of his existence. His daily Mass, time spent in Eucharistic Adoration, and prayer were the source of his joy and the strength behind his service to others.

In his short life, Carlo faced challenges too — loneliness at times, misunderstandings, even illness. But he chose to unite his struggles with Christ's sufferings, offering them for the Church and for souls. As he battled leukemia, his focus never shifted from God's will. "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute on things that don't please God," he said shortly before his passing.

As we await his canonization September 7th, we recognize that Carlo's sainthood is not just a title — it is a call to action. For ERCM, his witness challenges us to keep Christ at the center of all we do, to use every available tool — from face-to-face ministry to modern technology — to share the Gospel, and to remember that our ultimate goal is Heaven.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, soon to be Saint Carlo, pray for us and guide our ministry to soar on wings of faith, hope, and love.

~Andrea, Chairperson~

Founder's message continued.

Carlo showed that holiness is possible in every age, and he trusted God to work through both the ordinary and extraordinary.

As we step into our second year as a ministry, let us pray more boldly, serve more faithfully, and believe more deeply. The same God who began this good work in Eagle Rising Catholic



Ministry will carry it forward — one prayer, one act of love, and one faithful step at a time.

~Vic Joseph, Founder~

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."



OUR PRAYER

Lord, guide us to be of service to you and others. Inspire us to care for all your creation, especially the youth. Fill us with truth, hope and love in all that we do. Unite us to faithfully journey together with you, as we work to build Your Kingdom within our community.

~Serviam~



Youth Corner

August Recap: One Year of Faith & Fellowship

This August marked a special milestone — our one-year anniversary! At Fellowship and Faith Night, we reflected on lessons learned, growth, and the many ways God has guided us. We revisited the talk on faith and the power of the unseen, as well as Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of faith and hope, reminding us to trust in God's plan even when we cannot see the full picture. Over the past year, ERCM has been blessed to serve God's people through housing placement, vouchers, and employment assistance, but more importantly by teaching of the Bible and saints at our monthly events.

Scripture Focus: *"Without faith it is impossible to please God."* Hebrews 11:6
As we step into September, may we keep living God's commands, strengthening our faith, and walking together in trust and fellowship.

Here are some moments from our One Year Anniversary.



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