DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

Lesson: Blessed Carlo Acutis
10 October 2020

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Introduction

Listen to the story of Carlo Acutis. Below is the link to Fr Paul Farren, Administrator of Saint Eugene's Cathedral, interviewing Blessed Carlo's mother Antonia and discussing his life. (23 minutes) https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanCC/videos/350298556291020 -

Development:

1 In small groups/as a class consider the life of Carlo?

2 Discuss the effect and influence social media can have on the life of an individual. Carlo saw the benefits and dangers of the Internet and Social Media platforms- what do you think? Read the words of Pope Francis below to help your discussion.

the whole apparatus of communications, advertising and social networking can be used to lull us, to make us addicted to consumerism and buying the latest thing on the market, obsessed with our free time, caught up in negativity. Yet he (Carlo) *knew how to use the new communications technology to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty.* (Christus Vivit 105)

3 (a) What do you think Carlo meant by,

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(b) What are the challenges for a young person in living their faith and being in relationship with Jesus?

4. Consider these words of Blessed Carlo and Saint John Henry Newman,

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. (John Henry Newman)

Sadness is looking at ourselves; happiness is looking towards God. (Carlo Acutis)

What actions do you need to take to hear better what God is calling you to do?