

Learn about the Youth Rally Patron Saints

- **St. Gemma Galgani** **Patroness for Students**
Feast Day April 11th

Gemma's charity, which indeed made her the angel of her home, was not restricted to her family. She practiced this virtue over a wide field according to the circumstances in which she found herself. Because of her love of prayer, excelling in academics and showing great promise intellectually she is known as patroness of students.

- **St. José Sánchez Del Rio “Josélito”** **Patron Saint for Adolescents**
Feast day February 10th

Blessed Jose is an outstanding example of faith and courage for all Catholic young men — for you— who wish to be faithful to Christ. He was declared a martyr and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on November 20, 2005. Eleven years later, on October 16, 2016, Jose Sanchez del Rio was solemnly declared a saint.

- **Blessed Chiara Badano** **Patroness for Athletes**
Feast Day October 29

Chiara had a loving, holy family and a rock solid faith that was nurtured by retreats and youth ministry programs. Popular amongst her friends and was liked by boys. Chiara loved to hang out in coffee shops. She was great at tennis, swimming and mountain climbing. Her dream was to become a flight attendant. Chiara had a bright life ahead of her. One day while playing tennis, Chiara experienced excruciating pain in her shoulder. Shortly afterwards she was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma. She watched her bright future slip away. But it's here that the real story of her life begins—the story of heroic virtue. Chiara's joy was explosive and it only increased with her suffering. After one very pain-filled night she said, “I suffered a lot, but my soul was singing.” On September 25, 2010, she became the first member of Generation X to be beatified!

- **Servant of God Carlo Acutis** **Patron of Modern Youth**

Carlo Acutis dies at age of 15 due to of fulminant leukemia. Since he received his First Communion at 7 years old, he never missed an appointment with daily Mass. He always tried before or after the Mass to pray in front of the tabernacle to worship the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady was his great confidant and never failed to honour her daily by reciting the Rosary. Carlo's Modernity combines perfectly with his deep Eucharistic life and Marian devotion, which have helped to make him the most special guy who is admired and loved by everyone. Carlo put the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the center of his life and he called it "my highway to heaven". It was a mystery to the young faithful of the diocese of Milan, that before his death he could offer his sufferings for the Pope and for the Church.



St. Gemma



St. Josélito



Blessed Chiara



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Pray for Us and the Young People of our Diocese!