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With the death of Pope Francis, the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, which was scheduled for April 27, has been postponed.

"Following the death of the Supreme Pontiff Francis, notice is hereby given that the Eucharistic celebration and the rite of the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, scheduled for April 27, 2025, second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, on the occasion of the Jubilee of Adolescents, is suspended," the Vatican press office announced April 21.

The Mass for the Jubilee of Adolescents, however, would still be held, Matteo Bruni, head of the press office told reporters, clarifying that what had been canceled was a Mass for a canonization. The Holy Year and its associated events and Masses would continue, he added. The Jubilee of Adolescents was scheduled for April 25-27 in Rome.

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The Dicastery for Evangelization's section for new evangelization, which is organizing the Holy Year 2025, shared its sorrow for the death of Francis.

"We join in prayer" for his passing "in unity with all of God's people and the whole world," it said in a note released April 21.

It confirmed the program for the Jubilee of Adolescents has remained mostly the same, including the April 26 pilgrimage to the Holy Door and Mass April 27 in St. Peter's Square.

What has changed, it said, is there will be no canonization ceremony April 27, and the "musical celebration" scheduled to be held in Rome's Circus Maximus April 26 is canceled out of respect for the period of mourning.

Francis had approved the decree for the canonization of Blessed Acutis May 23, 2024, and announced the date for his canonization at the end of November. He will be the first millennial to become a saint.