

Summer Reading Assignment: Blessed Carlo Acutis - A Modern Disciple

Due Date Friday 9/12/25

Project Goal: To explore the life, beliefs, and actions of Blessed Carlo Acutis as presented in the book *Blessed Carlo Acutis: A Saint in Sneakers* by Courtney Mares and to connect his witness to the teachings of Sacred Scripture.

Directions: After reading the book during the summer, create a Google Slides presentation using the criteria listed below. Your project should be a minimum of ten (10) slides presenting what you have learned from YOUR reading of the biography. Begin with a title slide with your name and class and have a concluding slide which recaps why learning about Blessed Carlo's life can inspire SJB students to holiness. (*see below*)

Within your Google Slides presentation be sure to include information about:

- Carlo Acutis: his birth, death, beatification. Key aspects of his personality and interests (e.g., computers, Eucharist, helping the poor) as highlighted in the book. **(5 Points)**
- Your first impression of Carlo: What made him stand out to you? Support your statements with references from the biography. **(5 Points)**

Choose three of the main themes from the book from the following: **(20 Points each for total of 60 Points)**

- *The Eucharist: "My Highway to Heaven"*
- *Love for Jesus & Our Lady*
- *Using His Talents: The "Cyber-Apostle"*
- *Charity and Care for the Poor*
- *Witness to Holiness in Everyday Life*
- *Facing Suffering with Faith*
- *Carlo's Legacy & Call to Us*

For each of your chosen themes, you must also research and relate Carlo's life to a passage/story from the Sacred Scriptures.

Final Slides: Conclusion (10 Points)

Summarize the main points of your presentation (e.g., Carlo as a model of modern sainthood, living scripture, etc.)

Offer a final thought or prayer related to Carlo's witness; explain what is the most important lesson you learned from studying the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis and connect this lesson to the Scriptures.

Finally remember that you will receive twenty points **(20 Points)** based on the three criteria listed below:

- Being Creative! (Include pictures/graphics/etc to help your presentation)
- Being Neat and Organized! No spelling or grammar errors! Make sure you are not writing a full essay on each slide. Keep your slides easy to read and uncluttered.
- Being Original! Speaking about people, Blessed Carlo once said, "*All are born as originals, but many die as photocopies.*" This project should be a reflection of your individual gifts and talents.

Your religion teacher will give you the due date for this project on the first day of class. Have fun!!