

Summer Reading Assignment: Apologetics Fall 2025

Due Date Friday 10/3/25

This past summer you were asked to read, *Blessed Carlo Acutis: A Saint in Sneakers* by Courtney Mares.

Throughout the book we find instances of times when Carlo Acutis, going back to when he was very young, not only evangelized others but defended the various dogmas and beliefs of the Catholic Church. (*For example, The Eucharist, Love of Jesus and Our Lady, Social Justice and Care for the Poor, The Call to Holiness, etc.*). In short, ways that Blessed Carlo Acutis exemplified the purpose of the theological science of Apologetics - *to defend your faith and explain the truths of the Church.*

For your project, you are asked to summarize the biography by creating a Google Slides presentation of three truths/teachings of the Catholic Church the book discussed Blessed Carlo Acutis defending to his family, friends and/or classmates.

Process:

Your Theology Teacher will give you the due date for your work during your first class. It will also be posted to your Google Classroom.

After reading the book, choose any three of the teachings of the Catholic Church that Blessed Carlo Acutis defended. Create a well developed and designed Google Slides presentation with a minimum of ten slides that includes the following:

- A Title Slide
- *Briefly introduce Carlo Acutis: birth, death, beatification. Mention key aspects of his personality and interests (e.g., computers, Eucharist, helping the poor) as highlighted in the book. (You may include your personal first impression of Carlo. What makes him stand out to you?)*
- A slide introducing Blessed Carlo to your readers, with bio
- Two slides offering a full description, definition and Blessed Carlo's Defense of each of your chosen *teachings. Briefly explain how Blessed Carlo defended the teaching and what the reaction of others to his defense were.*
- *Concluding slides which summarize the main points: Carlo as a model of modern sainthood, Carlo as a witness/defender of the faith, etc. Explain how Blessed Carlo's life can influence other young people today.*

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Since all work is from this one Biography, you do not need a Works Cited Slide

Your work should follow the contemporary accepted format for a slideshow presentation and be free of any doctrinal, spelling and grammatical errors.

Grading: 100 Points based on the following criteria:

Intro Slide and concluding slides (5 points each)	10 points
Two slides of full, accurate discussion of each topic (20 points each)	60 points
Conclusion	10 points
Attractive Layout and Design with appropriate photos/graphics	10 points
Proper Spelling/Grammar/Mechanics	10 points

