



## **Saint Aelred Catholic Church**

### **ADULT FORMATION**

*OUR MISSION: THE PARISH & EVANGELIZATION*

*2022-2023, SUNDAYS AT 12:30 PM*

**Q:** WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT ADULT FORMATION?

**A:** THAT IT SHOULD BE INTEGRAL FOR EVERY PARISH, HELP US PASS THE FAITH TO OUR CHILDREN, BE LIFELONG, AND AT THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH'S EDUCATION MISSION (*OUR HEARTS BURNED WITHIN US*, §79, 40-42) TO HELP US:

(I) BE IN BETTER FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST

(II) TO BE MORE LIKE CHRIST

(III) TO AID US IN ACTING LIKE HIM (§68-72)

*"The most valuable gift that the Church can offer to the bewildered and restless world of our time is to form within it Christians who are confirmed in what is essential and who are humbly joyful in their faith" (§59).*

The Church also identifies particular obstacles to this trinity of Christian goals which Adult Formation should aim at helping the Faithful leap over (§ 32-35):

- Secularism: a political assertion that it is an eternal truth that eternal truths ought not be used for politics
- Materialism: the immaterial belief that all truths must be material
- Atheism: the belief that there is no Being-Itself because an unnecessary particle was necessary
- Ethical Relativism: the truth claim that there is no truth; the claim we ought not make ought statements
- Religious Indifference: a claim about religion, that all claims about religion, don't matter
- Religious Pluralism & Cultural Pluralism: the absolute idea that absolutes should bow to a plurality of ideas
- Contraception & Abortion: controlling the anxiety of love by loving the anxiety of control
- Social Injustice, Racism, & Violence: the belief that unjust actions will stop people one thinks are being unjust
- Private vs. Public Life separation: the public claim of a personal idea that personal ideas shouldn't be public
- Consumer Family: Mass Media stressing both parents to work, that kids have little Mass, and lots of Media
- Lukewarm in the Faith: being on fire about not being on fire, or being cold about being cold
- Ignorance & Negativity to the Faith: being arrogantly aggressive about one's ignorance about actual doctrine

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
SEPTEMBER 18TH	Toward the Parish as The Church: Against False Universality & False Localism
SEPTEMBER 25TH	The Family in the Divine Economy
OCTOBER 2ND	The Family as Unit of Society & The Church as Society
OCTOBER 9TH	Evangelization: The Church in but not of The World
OCTOBER 16TH	State of the Parish Address
OCTOBER 23RD	St. Aelred: Phase I, II, & III
OCTOBER 30TH	What is Hallowmas or Allhallowtide?
NOVEMBER 6TH	Architecture as a Sacramental Sign
NOVEMBER 13TH	Architectural Examples (Slideshow)
NOVEMBER 20TH	<i>Feast for Christ the King &amp; Greening of the Church, No Adult Formation</i>
NOVEMBER 27TH	<u>Advent Meditations</u> & <i>New Year's Party</i> The Church & The Home: <i>ecclesia domestica</i>
DECEMBER 4TH	<u>Advent Meditations</u> Material Patience in Consumer Culture: Prolonged Excitement vs. Yearning
DECEMBER 11TH	<u>Advent Meditations</u> Material Watchfulness in Consumer Culture: Cult of Health vs. Cult of Holiness
DECEMBER 18TH	<u>Advent Meditations</u> Culture of Self-Emptying Meditation in a Culture of Self-Fulfillment
DECEMBER 25TH	<i>Christmas Morning, No Adult Formation</i>
JANUARY 8TH	<i>Epiphany Feast</i> Evangelization & The Pagans (short)
JANUARY 15TH	<i>Patronal Feast</i> St. Aelred Presentation of our history + Spiritual Friendship

JANUARY 22ND	Evangelization through The Light: How all men presume God exists
JANUARY 29TH	Evangelization & Divine Illumination: what does Socrates have to do with Jesus?
FEBRUARY 5TH	Lent: Material Practices to achieve a humble and contrite Heart
FEBRUARY 12TH	St. Valentine, <i>Eros</i> , & Christian Marriage
FEBRUARY 19TH	<i>Feast for the Chair of St. Peter</i> Evangelizing those who desire communion
FEBRUARY 26TH	Fasting as a Normal Requirement to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ
MARCH 5TH	Combatting The Devil: Anti-Christ & Anti-Evangelization
MARCH 12TH	Combatting The World: Anti-Church, Anti-Liturgies, Anti-Sacraments, Anti-Catechesis
MARCH 19TH	Combatting The Flesh: Anti-Devotionals, Anti-Piety, Therapy vs. <i>Therapeuo</i> , Self as Idol
MARCH 26TH	The Woman & The Leviathan: The Role of the Feminine in Defeating Evil
APRIL 2ND	Our Lady's Seven Sorrows
APRIL 9TH	Atonement: How the Cross Saves Us
APRIL 16TH	<i>Easter Sunday, No Adult Formation</i>
APRIL 23RD	Easter Octave Feast
APRIL 30TH	Christ Dieth No More: Why the Death of the Church is a waste of anxiety