



Mrs. Elizabeth Burns takes her turn addressing the group of families.

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“And the parish council is unanimously behind us,” said Van Son. “We report to them each month, and they are very enthusiastic.”

There is little question the program will continue, according to Stanley and Van Son. But both agree there is a need for a more formal kind of religious education for parishioners who are not comfortable with the new classes.

“We want those people to come up with something they have worked on themselves,” says the director of religious education.

Children take the lead quite actively in some of the family discussion groups. Watching the parents as they sit and listen, one has the impression suddenly that they are really the ones who are learning.

It’s a big change from the Sister and those memorized answers.



Jack McDonnell and his wife Eileen listen to young Elizabeth Burns talk about the Alpha and the Omega of Christian life.

