



Women and men who are homeless were able to select warm clothes after a Dec. 20 candlelight service to remember those who died.

Candlelight memorial recalls lives of the homeless

ATLANTA—Sixty people who died while homeless in 2018 in Fulton County were remembered at Mercy Care on Dec. 20 at the Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial.

Every year, candlelight services take place in cities

across the country around the first day of winter—the longest night of the year.

The names of 58 people were read aloud as an individual candle was lit for each, and two more names were called out by the audience.

Mercy Care staff, volunteers, patients and community members gathered to pray, mourn, and sing in honor of them.

Following the service, coats, hats, gloves and other gifts of warmth including soup and hot chocolate were offered to those who call the streets home.

Youth learn ties between the Eucharist and service

TOCCOA—This past Thanksgiving holiday season at St.

Mary's Church, the parish religious education co-directors Jessica Burger and Sharon Cook encouraged young people to see the link between faith and service to the community.

The religious education students attended the parish Mass on Nov. 17 and dubbed it a "Thanksgiving Mass." The classes and parishioners brought non-perishable and canned foods to the Mass.

Father Vincent Sullivan, the pastor, celebrated the Mass and tied together the Thanksgiving holiday and the sacrament of the Eucharist. He provided a homily on the holy sacrament that some would be receiving in the near future.

All the collected food was donated to the Toccoa Soup Kitchen to supplement their weekly meals. The efforts of the young people and parishioners were recognized by community leaders at the local soup kitchen.

St. Andrew Rowers bring home medals at national competition

ROSWELL—A youth program to identify standout rowers for an Olympic development program invited four rowers from St. Andrew Rowing Club to participate.

This event included 432 athletes and 36 coaches from USRowing's six regions for a three-day camp and regatta in

earned a gold medal as coxswain. Teammates Paris Burbine, of Cambridge High, and Lucy Turner, of Centennial High School, won silver medal in their pair boat. Bri Brysacz, of Blessed Trinity High School, brought home a bronze medal in a women's quad competition. Bri Brysacz and Lucy Turner are parishioners of St. Andrew Church, Roswell.

Their efforts let the Southeast region to earn second place only two points behind the winners, Northeast Region.

Some \$24,000 in scholarships awarded for missionary work

MARIETTA—Youth in Mission, a Catholic foundation of North Georgia, presented \$24,000 in scholarships toward the 2019 travel fees of 36 missionaries.

Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory attended, and blessed the youth and their mission trips at the 7th annual Youth in Mission Scholarships presentation Saturday, Dec. 22 at St. Joseph Church, Marietta. Families, mission representatives, youth ministers, major supporters, corporate sponsors and Youth in Mission officers and board members were in attendance.

Youth in Mission is a charity to help teens and young adults who desire to serve Christ