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Clergymen set up vigils for Evanston homeless

Suburban report

EPISCOPAL AND Baptist leaders in Evanston said Thursday they will sponsor a series of all-night prayer vigils for an estimated 30 to 40 homeless people in the suburb. The clergymen will invite the homeless to join them in the prayer vigils, said Rev. Robert V. Thompson. "The growing numbers of homeless people in this community are alarming to the sensibilities of religious people," Father Thompson said. Some of the homeless are treated "in less than human" fashion, he said. The first of the interfaith prayer vigils will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Evanston, 607 Lake St.