



Lunch time.

St. Joseph's: A House of Hospitality ...



The cook minds the soup pot.

Back in 1936 a group of Rochesterians, fired by the Catholic Worker philosophy being developed by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in New York City, opened a center to serve poor men in Rochester.

More than 40 years later, that philosophy is as vibrant as ever in the community at the St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, a store front on South Avenue which seeks to serve the needs of poor men and women and to witness to the Gospel values of poverty, resistance to injustice, and pacifism.

Present head of the community at St. Joseph's is Deacon Daniel O'Shea, a Providence, R.I., native who has worked at the Catholic Worker house in New York, the center of the movement. He explained that St. Joseph's daily activities include feeding more than 75 persons a day, providing clothing to the destitute twice a week, conducting seminars in social justice on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, celebrating a monthly liturgy and supper and providing temporary shelter for the homeless.

In addition, the house community has been visible in public demonstrations for disarmament and migrant labor organization.



Some of the beds for those who need a place to stay.



Deacon O'Shea has clothing for those who need warmer jackets and shoes.