Book Release

The History of Marion Hilliard House by Carol Leeuw and Janet Schneider

Carol, a social worker and Janet, the house secretary gave many years to the Home. For them, as with others, it was more than a job, an appointment or a volunteer job. It was a ministry. The Church of Cleopas was particularly involved but many other volunteers also came from a wider area.

The book records the history of Marion Hilliard House from its inception in 1967 to its closing in 2002 with documentation and heart, reflecting the true spirit of the place. It includes the official documents, letters of appreciation, newspaper articles, pictures and even an explanation of how Marion Hilliard House got its name.

As the authors state in the introduction, “This is an historical and personal recording of the direction committed, which wise and compassionate individuals took in order to offer help and give hope to unwed mothers and their families.” It is a story of the Church and people in action, being present in a time of need.

The authors had planned on marketing the book themselves and giving the funds received to the Church, but Covid 19 made that form of exposure rather difficult….

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