**Companions of St. Luke Chronology**

14 Sep 2021

1992

June 13: Br. Michael-John Austin professed; the Companions of St. Luke is founded; the Rt. Reverend Br. John-Charles, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy and Superior of the Franciscan Order of Divine Compassion is the bishop visitor

July 21 : Incorporated in the State of Illinois

1993

March 10: Articles of incorporation submitted

June 2: Recognized as an exempt charitable organization by the US Internal Revenue Service

1994

Leased 4,000 sq. ft. from the Edgewater Presbyterian Church 1020 West Bryn Mawr. Chicago, IL CSL calls it the Priory of St. Benedict.

May: Rt. Rev. W.C.R. Sheridan becomes CSL bishop visitor

1995

June 18: Mary Ann Croisant, George West, and Thomas Ferrell, received as postulants

Oct. 21: Br. Michael-John Austin receives life vows and receives the 3 postulants as novices

1998

Priory of St. Benedict moves to 4910 Magnolia, Chicago, IL, owned by St. Augustine College [Br. Thomas Ferrell]

2000

Michael-John Austin has the title of prior

April 27: Priory moved to Donnellson, Iowa [Br. Thomas Ferrell]

Fr. Wayne Kamm associated with CSL at least by New Year’s Eve [Br. Joseph Florian Campbell]

+Bishop Carl Epting, Bishop of Iowa, becomes bishop visitor [Sr. Anna Grace Madden]

2001-2007 A period of rapid growth—from 5 members to 30+ [Abbot David Gerns]

2001

Jan. 6: Br. Joseph Florian Campbell visits the Donnellson Priory for the first time to repair a tractor [Br. Joseph Florian Campbell]

2003

Convocations moved to Conception Abbey due to membership growth [Abbot David Gerns]

2005

Prior Michael-John Austin designated an abbot when the CSL when the Episcopal Church canonically recognized the CSL as a Christian Community [Abbot David Gerns]

2007

+Bp. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas becomes bishop visitor

2009

\*Abbot Michael-John Austin resigns

2009-2010

\*Fr. Wayne Kamm was guardian of the community from the resignation of Abbot Michael-John until the election of Br. Robert Cotton as abbot. [Abbot David Gerns]

2010

\*October: Br. Robert Cotton elected as abbot [Br. Robert Cotton]

2015

\*May: Br. Basil Edwards elected as abbot [Br. Robert Cotton]

2016

+Br. David appointed as prior by Abbot Basil [Abbot David Gerns]

2019

+January: Abbot Basil is hospitalized and asks Br. David to be CSL guardian. [Abbot David Gerns]

+March 2: Abbot Basil passes away [Sr. Toni Sylvester]

\*May: Br. David Gerns elected as abbot [Abbot David Gerns]

2020

+Bp. Alan Scarfe becomes bishop visitor

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This is a work in progress, please let me know of possible errors or omissions.

Brackets indicate the source of the information.

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