**Companions of St. Luke Chronology**

21 January 2022

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 religious organization by the US Internal Revenue Service

1994

Leased 4,000 sq. ft. from the Edgewater Presbyterian Church 1020 West Bryn Mawr. Chicago, IL It is designated 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 three 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 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 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 Austin 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]

2019

March: Abbot Basil Edwards died; Br. David Gerns becomes community guardian

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

2020

Bp. Alan Scarfe become bishop visitor

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