**CSL Chronology**

**17 July 2023**

*nd = no date*

1992 June 13: Br. Michael-John Austin, professed; the Companions of St. Luke founded with the Rt. Reverend Br. John-Charles, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy and Superior of the Franciscan Order of Divine Compassion as the bishop visitor

July 21: Incorporated in the State of Illinois

1993 June: Recognized as an exempt charitable organization by the US Internal Revenue Service

1994 nd Leased 4,000 sq. ft. from the Edgewater Presbyterian Church 1020 West Bryn Mawr. Chicago, IL. It is called the Priory of St. Benedict.

May: Rt. Rev. W.C.R. Sheridan, Bishop of Northern Indiana, becomes the bishop visitor

1995 Oct. 21: Br. Michael-John Austin, OSB receives life vows and receives the three postulants as novices

1998 nd Priory of St. Benedict moves to 4910 Magnolia, Chicago, IL, owned by St. Augustine College

2000 nd Rt. Rev. Christopher Epting, Bishop of Iowa, elected as bishop visitor

nd Fr. Wayne Kamm associated with the CSL, by New Year’s Eve if not before

April 27: CSL moves to Donnellson, Iowa

2001-2007 nd A period of rapid growth—from 5 members to over 30

2003 nd Convocations moved to Conception Abbey due to membership growth

2004 Aug. 11 Recognition of CSL by Episcopal House of Bishops

Oct. 26 Installation of Prior Michael John Austin, OSB as superior

2005 nd Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas, elected bishop visitor

2009 Nov. 13 Abbot Michael-John Austin, OSB inhibited; Fr. Wayne Kamm appointed as guardian

Nov. 26 Abbot Michael-John Austin, OSB resigns as superior

2010 Oct. Br. Robert Cotton, OSB elected as superior; he appoints Sr. Monica Ruth Mullin, OSB as prior

Nov. 17: Donnellson property sold

2015  May: Rt. Reverend R. William Franklin, Bishop of Western New York, elected bishop visitor; Br. Basil Edwards, OSB elected as superior; he appoints Br. David Gerns, OSB as prior

2019 January: Abbot Basil Edwards, OSB is hospitalized and asks Prior David Gerns, OSB to be CSL guardian

March: Abbot Basil Edwards, OSB passes away

May: Prior David Gerns, OSB elected as superior; he appoints Sr. Martha Lamoy, OSB as prior

October: Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop of Iowa, elected as bishop visitor

2022 CSL grows to 50 members

2023 June 15: Sr. Martha Lamoy, OSB elected as superior

July 1: Abbess Martha Lamoy, OSB appoints Br. Raymond Escott, OSB as prior