**CSL Porter’s Annual Report – 2025**

*By Br. David, OSB – Porter of the community*

The role of the Porter is to welcome people who inquire about CSL and assist them with their discernment during the application process. I am assisted by Sr. Catherine Ann, OSB. Between May 1 and December 31, 2024, we received 20 inquiries from the US, the UK, Africa, and Australia. Applications were sent to each person and initial interviews were conducted. Applications were sent to each person who requested one after the interview. We follow up with each applicant monthly. Since our application is an important tool for them to discern if Benedictine life a true call for them, it is very clear in describing expectations of membership. Although initial interest is high, the information provided with the application and the process itself causes serious prayerful consideration by the inquirer of their interest in becoming a Benedictine religious.

This process has resulted in the following data for 2024:

* Five applications have been submitted to date and awaiting interviews
* Eleven people withdrew
* Four people are still in discernment

After an application packet is sent to CSL, the application process is continued by the Superior and the Deans of Formation.

We will accept applications until mid-March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Br. David