

The Life of Louis Brisson at a glance

23 June 1817	Birth in Plancy
29 June 1817	Baptism in Plancy: Louis Alexandre Sosthène
1823-1831	School days in Plancy
22 March 1829	receives First Communion in Plancy
June 1829	receives Confirmation in Troyes
1831-1835	attends the Minor Seminary in Troyes
13 July 1835	receives Tonsure
1836-1840	Seminary in Troyes – Study of Philosophy and Theology
6 July 1838	Ordination to Minor Orders in Troyes
25 May 1839	Ordination to the Sub-diaconate (in the Archdiocese of Sens because the bishop of Troyes was sick)
21 December 1839	Ordination to the Diaconate in Troyes
19 December 1840	Ordination to the Priesthood in the diocese of Châlons (because the bishop of Troyes did not feel well)
22 December 1840	First Mass celebrated in Plancy
29 March 1842	First encounter with Marie de Sales Chappuis, a Visitation sister
1 October 1843	Official appointment as Spiritual Director and confessor of the Visitation in Troyes
1845	The “three miracles” of money for a poor family's rent, quotation from <i>the Summa Theologica</i> by an uneducated penitent, and the apparition of Jesus (on 24 February 1845). Louis Brisson is ready to found the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.
1857	Appointment to be the leader of the Catholic Association of St. Francis de Sales in the Diocese of Troyes for the renewal of the Christian life and for the concern for the poor and the sick.
1858	Beginning of the help for working young ladies; by 1863 four hostels for female workers already existed
10 April 1866	Leonie Aviat and Lucie Canuet undertake the management of one hostel for working young ladies

30 October 1868	Leonie Aviat (Sr. Frances de Sales) and Lucie Canuet (Sr. Jeanne-Marie) begin their novitiate. This day is considered the day of the foundation of the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales.
1 October 1872	The bishop of Troyes gives the first Oblates of St. Francis de Sales the permission to live in community.
12 October 1873	The first Oblates of St. Francis de Sales begin their novitiate. This day is celebrated as "Founders' Day" within the Oblate community.
7 October 1875	The "Good Mother" Mary de Sales Chappuis dies in Troyes.
21 December 1875	<i>Decretum laudis</i> : The Holy See approves the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales as an apostolic Religious Congregation.
27 August 1876	First Profession of Fr. Brisson and the first Oblates.
1878	First controversies between Bishop Cortet and Fr. Brisson.
6 November 1881	Audience with Pope Leo XIII. The Pope assures Fr. Brisson of his full assistance and encourages him to send Oblates to the missions.
November 1883	Bishop Cortet removes Fr. Brisson as Spiritual Director of the Visitation of Troyes.
12 April 1886	Fr. Brisson finishes his testimony about the Good Mother.
December 1886	Publication of Fr. Brisson's biography about the Good Mother.
January 1887	Beginning of the legal dispute about the heritage of the late Madame Boursetty.
30 January 1888	Settlement and reconciliation between Bishop Cortet and Fr. Brisson in Rome.
20 May 1890	The Pope approves the Constitutions of the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales.
February 1898	Beginning of the official process of beatification of Mary de Sales Chappuis in Rome. The "Good Mother" is allowed to be called "venerable."
28 October 1900	Prime minister Waldeck-Rousseau starts his political campaign against the religious congregations in the French parliament.
29 March 1901	The French parliament decides to close most of the female and male religious congregations in France.
17 May 1901	The tomb of the Good Mother is opened because of her cause of beatification. After removing a thick layer of white mould her body appears almost unharmed. Only the nose had dropped inwards and there were no more pupils.
1 July 1901	The law of abolishment of religious congregations becomes effective.
1902	Fr. Brisson retires to Plancy.

24 March 1903	The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales are abolished by public law.
5 June 1903	The Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales are abolished by public law.
12 January 1908	Public auction of the domicile of Fr. Brisson in Plancy.
16 January 1908	Fr. Brisson collapses
23 January 1908	Fr. Brisson is no longer able to receive the Holy Communion and is confined to bed.
28 January 1908	Fr. Brisson loses his speech.
2 February 1908	Fr. Brisson dies at 10.34 a.m. in Plancy.
5 February 1908	Requiem in Plancy. The Oblate Sisters und the Oblates are not allowed to assume any liturgical functions because of their official abolishment.
6 February 1908	Solemn funeral in Troyes in the presence of the bishop. Burial at the cemetery St. André in his parents' tomb.

The Cause of Canonization of Fr. Louis Brisson

11 February 1938	The "informative process" formally opens in the diocese of Troyes, France.
15 December 1949	The "informative process" is concluded.
10 April 1961	Casket of Fr. Brisson transferred from the tomb at the cemetery of St. André to the Crypt St. Gilles at the Motherhouse of the Oblate Sisters in Troyes.
11 April 1961	Entombment of the body of Fr. Brisson at the Crypt St. Gilles along with the body of St. Leonie Frances de Sales Aviat.
8 July 1963	The "supplemental process" begins in Troyes.
13 January 1964	The "supplemental process" is concluded.
24 February 1964	Introduction of the cause in Rome.
1980	Publication of the <i>Positio super causae introductione</i>
1981	Diocesan investigation (in Guayquil, Ecuador) into a possible miracle is concluded
6 October 1995	Decree on the validity of the canonical process issued by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints ... Fr. Brisson known as " Servant of God "

1995	Historical commission reviews the documentation of Fr. Brisson's virtuous life
1998	Publication of the <i>Positio super virtutibus</i> , comprised of a documented biography and a summary of the virtues
25 November 2005	Theological commission affirms the heroicity of Fr. Brisson's virtues
2 October 2007	Ordinary session of the Cardinals & Bishops of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints reviews the heroicity of Fr. Brisson's virtues
29 September 2009	Ordinary session of the Cardinals & Bishops of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints reviews the responses from the postulator concerning the heroicity of Fr. Brisson's virtues
19 December 2009	Decree affirming the heroicity of Fr. Brisson's virtuous life is promulgated by Pope Benedict XVI ... Fr. Brisson known as " Venerable "
February 2010	Composition of the <i>Positio super miro</i> , documenting the miraculous intercession of Fr. Brisson in the case of Carlitos Peñaherrera
10 February 2011	Medical commission reviews the nature of the documented healing
7 June 2011	Theological commission reviews the nature of the documented healing
19 December 2011	Decree affirming the miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Louis Brisson is promulgated by Pope Benedict XVI
22 September 2012	Beatification of Fr. Louis Brisson in Troyes, France ... Fr. Brisson known as " Blessed "