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**Date and place of birth:** 25 October 1954, Salzburg, Austria

**Appointment to the Academy:** 8 December 2011

**Scientific discipline:** Theology

**Academic title:** Max Seckler Professor of Theology

### **Academic awards and distinctions**

Michael Waldstein is the Max Seckler professor of theology. He previously taught at the University of Notre Dame before serving as the founding president of the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria, where he also held the position of St. Francis of Assisi Professor of New Testament. He served as a member of the Pontifical Council for the Family (2003-2009) and is a member of the the Board of Trustees of the University of Eichstaett, Germany. He holds a B.A. from Thomas Aquinas College, a Ph.D. from the University of Dallas, an S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, and a Th.D. from Harvard University in New Testament and Christian Origins.

### **Main publications**

His published works include a critical edition of the four Coptic manuscripts (with English translation) of the *Secret Book of John*, a Gnostic text discovered in the Nag Hammadi codices, and a new translation of John Paul II's *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* as well as numerous articles on the Gospel of John, Gnosticism, St. Thomas Aquinas, John Paul II and Hans Urs von Balthasar in such journals as *Nova et Vetera*, *Communio*, *Anthropotes*, and *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.