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## Sicut Cervus Ad Fontes

*Symposium in Honor of Dr. Michael Maria Waldstein  
on the Occasion of His 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

23-24 May 2025

Schloss Trumau  
Schlossgasse 21  
2521 Trumau, Austria



John Paul II, Susan, Andreas, & Michael Waldstein in St. Pölten, 1998

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The purpose of this symposium is to honor Dr. Michael Maria Waldstein by engaging the theologians and topics which he loves, and engaging them in manner in which he loves, namely, through lectures and seminar discussion that seeks the truth of the matter.

The symposium will consist of lectures and seminar discussions on theologians and topics pertaining to Dr. Michael Waldstein's expertise such as the Gospel of John, St. Thomas Aquinas, Marriage and Family.

## FRIDAY, 23 May

09:00 – 10:00 “Is it Natural to Love God More than One's Self?” by *Dr. P. Edmund Waldstein, O.Cist.*, ITI & Heiligenkreuz

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome Address by *H.E. Dr. Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, O.P.*, ITI Grand Chancellor

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 “Thomas, Thérèse, and the Mathematics of Love” by *Dr. John Mortensen*, ITI & Aquinas Institute

12:15 – 13:00 Holy Mass

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 “Food of Truth: Spiritual Nourishment in John 6” by *Walter Jay Thompson*, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:00 “St. Thomas’ Doctrine of Eucharistic Concomitance: A Certain Theology of the Body” by *Dr. Timothy Kelly*, ITI

17:15 – 18:15 “Close to Unwritten Doctrine: Plato’s Principle-Theory in the *Philebus*” by *Dr. Michael Wladika*, ITI Dean

18:30 – 20:00 Dinner

20:00 – 21:00 Piano Concert by *Dr. Chiara Bertoglio*, Cuneo, Turin, & Florence

## SATURDAY, 24 May

09:15 – 10:15 “Did St. Thomas Aquinas Believe in the Unitive End of Marriage?” *Dr. Beth Mortensen*, Aquinas Institute

10:15 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 “The Eucharist in the Gospel of John” *Dr. Michael Waldstein*, Franciscan University of Steubenville

12:00 – 13:00 Divine Liturgy

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 “A More Natural Natural Science” *Dr. Susan Waldstein*, Franciscan University of Steubenville

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:00 “Prof. Michael Maria Waldstein: A Defense of *Humanae Vitae* of an Utmost Scholarly Depth” *Dr. Gintautas Vaitoska*, ITI

17:15 – 18:15 “Isaiah 52-53, the Suffering Servant and Jesus the Messiah” *Dr. Bernhard Dolna*, ITI Rector

18:15 – 18:30 Closing Remarks *Dr. Bernhard Dolna*, ITI Rector

18:30 – 20:00 Dinner





# SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

## Symposium Venue

The Symposium will be held in Schloss Trumau, the main building of the ITI Catholic University in Trumau, 25km south of Vienna, Austria.

## Registration Fee

Standard: €100 • Alumni: €50 • Registered Students: Free.  
Lunches, dinners, and coffee breaks are included in the fee.

## Registration

Please register until 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 via the following link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/SicutCervusSymposium2025>

For questions email us via: [administration@iti.ac.at](mailto:administration@iti.ac.at)

For more information on the ITI see: [www.iti.ac.at](http://www.iti.ac.at)

Image: Detail of the fresco of the Baroque Library of the Kartause Gaming