



Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo

Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 8 September 1942. He was ordained a priest on 7 December 1968 in the archdiocese of Buenos Aires. At the St. Thomas Aquinas University of Rome he was awarded a Ph.D in sacred theology – the highest level of Church postgraduate studies – with the maximum possible grade of *summa cum laude* (1974). From 1976 to 1998 he was lecturer in the history of philosophy at the Lateran University in Rome where from 1982 onwards he was full professor in the same discipline. He was dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the same university for three consecutive terms from 1987 to 1996. Since 1998 he has been full professor of the history of philosophy at the Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta (Rome) and in the same year was appointed president of the degree course in education science. In November 1998 he was appointed Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences by Pope John Paul II. In March 1999 His Holiness also appointed him Secretary Prelate of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. On 19 March 2001 His Holiness John Paul II consecrated him titular Bishop of Vescovio. He was also decorated as *Cavaliere di gran croce* of the Italian Republic (1999), official of honour of the *Légion d'Honneur* by the Republic of France (2000), *Grão Mestre da Ordem de Rio Branco* by the Republic of Brazil (2004), official of the Republic of Austria (2004) and knight of the Republic of Chile (2006).