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John of Elbogen (* late 13th c. – † after 1323)

1. Name variants: John III of Elbogen

2. Places: Loket/Elbogen (Bohemia), Waldsassen

3. Biography: Born in the Bohemian town of Elbogen, J. became a monk in Waldsassen. From the office of prior, he was elected abbot in 1310. His abbacy marked a high point in the medieval history of Waldsassen. He provided the monastery with an increase in property and privileges and left behind several literary works: a collection of miracles and part of the “Series abbatum”. He may also be the author of the Latin and German histories of the foundation of Waldsassen. In 1323, he resigned. He died on an unknown date. There is no evidence of a medieval veneration. The designation “blessed” originates in HENRIQUEZ’ *Menologium Cisterciense*.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 23 Aug (HOLDER-EGGER in: MGH.SS 15.2)

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: Mitre, crozier and skull

5. Fontes: H. GRADL (ed.), *Monumenta Egrana. Denkmäler des Egerlandes als Quellen für dessen Geschichte (805–1322)* 1, Eger 1886; M. DOEBERL, *Quellen und Erörterungen zur Geschichte des Nordgaus*, in: *Verhandlungen des historischen Vereins von Oberpfalz und Regensburg* 45 (1893), 113–129; E. HERRMANN, *Ein Mirakeltraktat des 14. Jahrhunderts aus Kloster Waldsassen*, in: *Beiträge zur Geschichte des Bistums Regensburg* 21 (1987), 7–22; O. HOLDER-EGGER (ed.): *Fundatio monasterii Waldsassensis*, in: MGH.SS 15.2, Hannover 1888, 1088–1093; F. KEINZ (ed.), *Die Gründung des Klosters Waldsassen. Altdeutsches Gedicht zur Tirschenreuther Schmeller-Feier*, München 1885.

6. Literature: C. HENRIQUEZ, *Menologium Cisterciense*, Antwerp 1639, 282–283; AS Augusti 4, Venice 1752; G. SCHROTT, „Ihr Schutzpatrone des Stiftlandes...“ Die fünf Waldsassener Seligen und ihre ungewöhnliche Geschichte, *Kallmünz* 2017 (with further references); G. SCHROTT, *Die Waldsassener Seligen*, in: *CistC* 127 (2020), 53–62.

7. Illustrations: Portrait fresco painted by Jakob Steinfels in the Stiftsbasilika Waldsassen (shortly before 1700).

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