

Katrin Keller, *The Queen and her Confessor. The letters of Richard Haller SJ from Spain in the years 1600 and 1601* (p. 140–151)

Although the role of princes' confessors in the Early Modern period has recently found some attention as a research topic, there are hardly any investigations on the importance of princely women's confessors. A specific case study can show that such a position proves much more complex than some contemporary biographies seem to suggest. In Vienna, a small but significant corpus of sources is preserved which sheds light on Queen Margaret of Spain (1584–1611), an archduchess born in Graz, and her confessor Richard Haller. This contribution intends to draw attention to these sources and to present one of the longer letters contained in it in full-text edition. Combined with other sources, it reveals the confessor's central role within the networks of the queen's and her family's courts.

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