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As in many other imperial cities in 16th century Germany, Strasbourg introduced the Reformation early on. In the course of the introduction of Protestant theology, the magistrate sought to close the many monasteries in town, which Martin Luther as well as Strasbourg's most important Protestant thinker, Martin Bucer, had ruled not compliant with the new doctrine. However, a small number of monasteries survived, some well into the 17th century. The author compares dissolved and surviving convents, seeking an answer to the question of which factors enabled a community to sustain Catholic life in a Protestant environment. She focuses particularly on the role gender played and analyzes the differences between male and female communities, their different positions in 16th century society and their different restrictions and opportunities.

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