

# Genealogy

Maria Agnesi was fortunate to have a couple great teachers during the course of her lifetime. Her father was her first and foremost teacher. This man gave Maria the drive and determination to become a successful mathematician. Because Agnesi did not continue her mathematics after the death of her father, we can infer that she may have only perused mathematics to follow in her father's footsteps. Agnesi also had the privilege of having Monk Ramiero Rampinelli teach her as well. Rampinelli was a professor at Rome and at Bologna and frequented Agnesi's home. Agnesi appreciated this so much that she dedicated the preface of her book, *Analytical Institutions*, to thanking him. Agnesi was not known for her teaching. It is well known that she did teach her brothers, in fact that is the reason that she wrote the book in the first place. It is also known that she took her father's place at the University of Bologna when he was sick, but she did not have a teaching position herself because she turned down the position.