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Virtue of the Week – HOPE

"My scientific studies have afforded me great gratification; and I am convinced that it will not be long before the whole world acknowledges the results of my work." (Fr Gregor Mendel)

You might be awarded a *hope* virtue for doing things like:

- Making progress towards targets
- Overcoming obstacles in life and learning
- Working towards a successful life after school

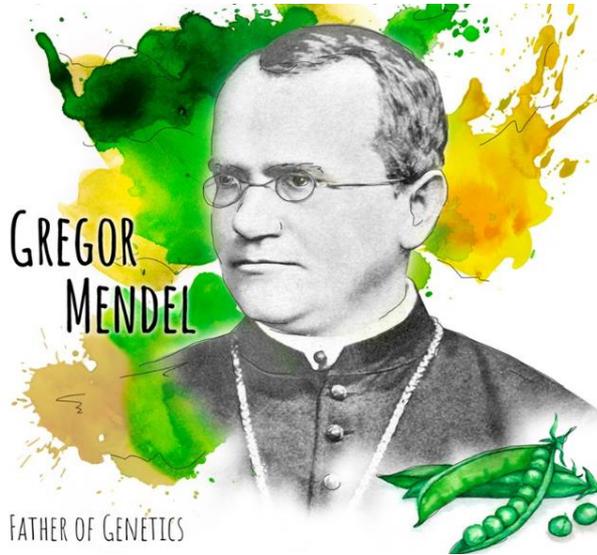


- ***You know that when life gets hard you don't give up but carry on hoping that things will get better.***
- ***You dream of a better world or something better that will come in the future.***
- ***You live for something greater than yourself.***
- ***Your hope drives out selfishness and boredom and encourages you to engage with your community and do good works.***
- ***You trust that God is at work moving the world towards what is good.***



Fr Gregor Mendel

Knowledge



Gregor Mendel is now known as the Father of Genetics, but this was not always the case. Mendel presented his work 1865, where it was rejected as it was too different from what was accepted at the time.

Mendel died in 1884, it wasn't until over 20 years after his death that others began to realise how important his discovery was. He never gave up hope that his discoveries would one day be accepted and lead to further advancements in science.

Reasoning

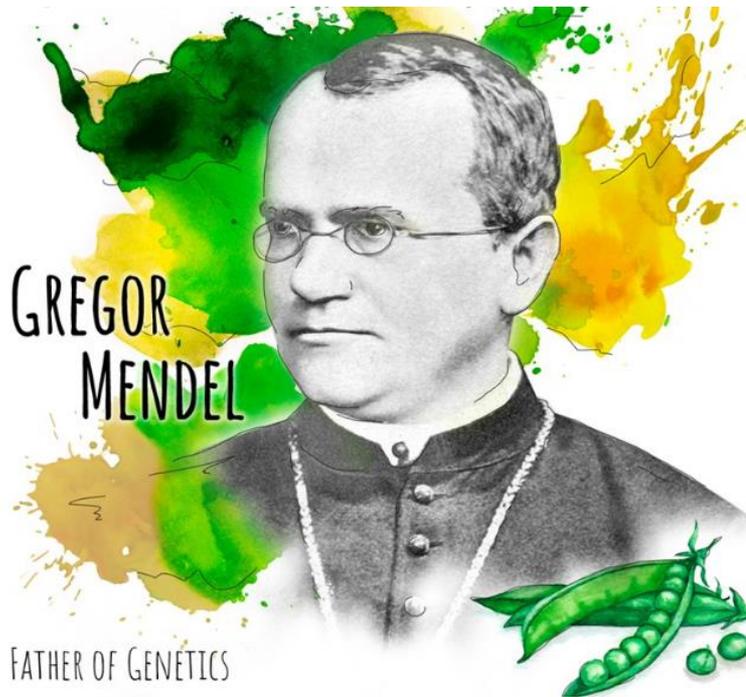
We are most in need of hope when we are in situations we cannot control, however during these times it can be the most difficult for us to hold onto hope.

- 1. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain why.*
- 2. How could you support someone who is struggling to hold onto hope during a difficult time?*

Practice

- 1. Find ways to support your friends and family when they struggle to hold on to hope. This often looks like you being a good friend.*
- 2. Pray for those who are struggling so that they may be hopeful of a better future.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmSJGhPTB5E>



Gregor Mendel was born into a poor farming family, but had a love of learning. He pursued his education paying for what he could and hoping that he would find a way to pay for the rest. One of his professors suggested he should join the church and become an Augustinian monk, where he was able to continue his studies.

Mendel is now known as the Father of Genetics, but this was not always the case. He cross bred pea plants for 8 years taking careful and detailed notes about the outcomes which eventually led to his breakthrough in understanding how traits are passed down through families.

Mendel presented his work to the Brunn Society for Natural Science in 1865, where it was appreciated but not deemed important as it was too different from the currently accepted ideas. Fr Mendel died in 1884, and had been noted as saying 'my time will come'. It wasn't until 16 years after his death that others began to realise how important his discovery was. Fr Mendel never gave up hope that his discoveries would one day be accepted and lead to further advancements in science.