

MEDICINE for *Mother Earth*

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"The *Earth* does not belong to us but *we belong* to the Earth."

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Rheumatology Educational Trust Fund Incorporated (RETFI) in celebration of Medicine Week 2015 held a "Saving Mother Earth" Symposium last Wednesday, 23rd of September 2015 at Buenavides Cancer Institute Auditorium & Coffee Shop, UST Hospital, Manila Philippines. The symposium was participated by medical students, trainees (Junior Interns, Senior Interns, Residents & Fellows), consultants and faculty from human resource department. The speaker was Mr. Rodne Galicha, Philippine Manager of the Climate Reality Project and the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, founded by a Nobel Laureate and former US Vice President Al Gore. The speaker started the symposium by showing a video where children interviewed what do they want when they grow up.

The last child answered, "I want to be an astronaut to escape from this planet". From the eye of the child earth is no longer a safe place to live in. The speaker reiterated that Homo sapiens has now become the most critically endangered species of all time because of climate change and global warming. If we are unable to act on this phenomenon we are committing suicide; and for the next generation we are committing homicide. He had simplified the explanation of climate change. By understanding the phenomenon, he explained the magnitude of the problem. The solution is not quite simple; it must come from inner change. The climate change must be everybody's concern. He also discussed the encyclical letter Laudato Si, of the Holy Father Francis on care for our common home.



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He simplified the Laudato Si message that each creature is living in the harmony of the creation. He emphasized the urgent appeal of the Pope to us for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.

The symposium was ended by singing "What a Wonderful World". It is indeed a beautiful world if we care and truly love our planet.

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