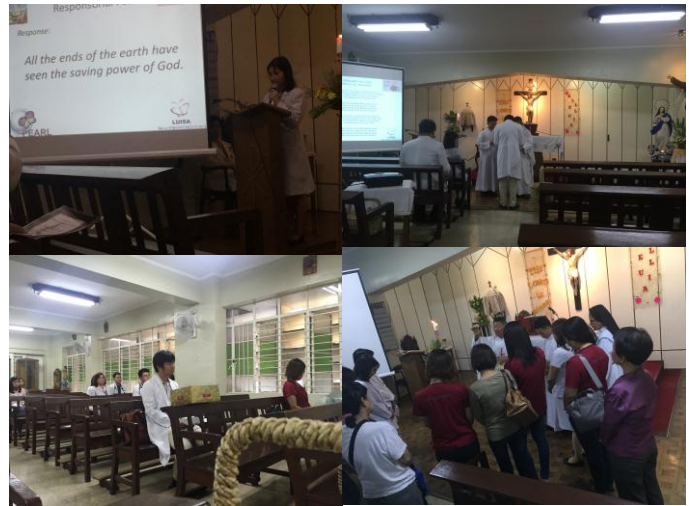
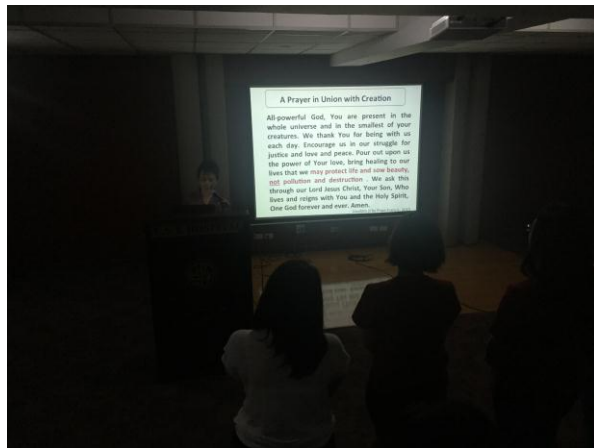


## Thanksgiving day

Since its conception in 2012, the People Empowerment for ARthritis and Lupus or better known as the PEARL movement has catered to the Filipino lupus and chronic arthritis patients by empowering them to live a productive and meaningful life despite being stricken with disabilities. Going on its 5<sup>th</sup> year, the PEARL forum has garnered the recognition of many people including the University of Santo Tomas where its prime movers are mainly affiliated. Thus the Section of Rheumatology became this year's recipient of the Dangal ng UST Gawad Santo Domingo – Outstanding Community Service and Extension Program.



On 13 May 2017, the Section of Rheumatology, Clinical Immunology and Osteoporosis held a thanksgiving mass at the Clinical Division chapel for having earned the prestigious Gawad Santo Domingo in the annual Dangal ng UST Awards for its outstanding community service to rheumatic disease patients.



The mass was followed by an educational lecture on lupus by none other than the lupus expert, Prof. Sandra Navarra. This was held at the Angelo King auditorium just across the Clinical Division chapel. The lecture was delivered in place of the regular Saturday Rheumatology Conference as well as to commemorate the recent World Lupus Day (May 10).

Finally, the last activity for the day was the monthly free lupus teaching clinics where indigent lupus patients were seen for follow-up. Medical students and junior interns participated and learned about this interesting disease and the basic principles of management.