

A Guest at Communion

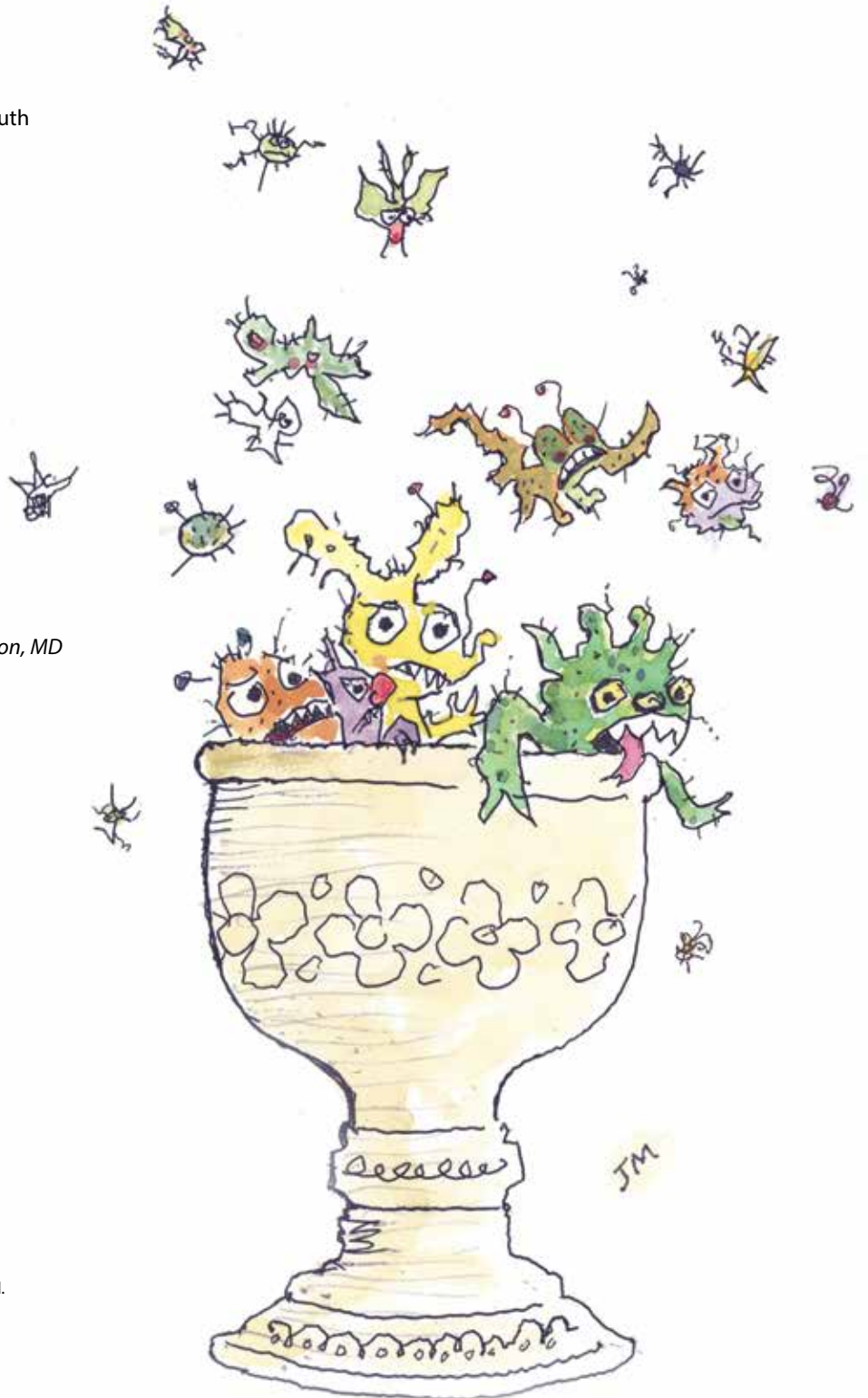
The Pastor wipes the chalice clean,
as one by one they come to drink.
Some place the Host within their mouth
then sip. Others dip into the wine,
partake as one the body & the blood.

Between hymns and homily,
from under his robes
the Pastor takes a handkerchief,
blows his nose.

With an eye for illness,
I wonder what might pass
from one to another.
This congregation shares
their faith and more.

Perhaps the blood of Christ
destroys all germs.
But to be safe,
I'd rather be a wafer dipper
than a goblet sipper.

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