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Artist Statement

The pieces in the “Undercover Cross” series reveal the daily spiritual, emotional and physical challenges that materialize when surviving a disease that is charged by trepidation and indignity.

I have referenced my personal life, as well as the subculture of my community, to communicate the interruption of a dream. I have focused on the journey of self preservation and the resistance of disappearance.

The mixed media paintings invite the viewer to the interior layers of a condition that is forced to be hidden by fear and ignorance. View a different perspective of a modern day plague full of isolated psychological torture and physical betrayals, ironically overshadowed by mortal endurance.

The large scale pieces mirror the significant force and weight of the disease, while the palette assists in exposing the combination of emotions that surface from a solemn state of health. The layers of words, images and everyday items further support the unseen struggle to persevere with dignity.

I hope this series will offer a novel perspective on a contemporary disease that remains in the public social shadows cast by selected blindness.