



Untitled

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I selected Batman for my door because he embodies hope and justice—powerful concepts crucial for those affected by the tragic incident to recognize as they move forward. Furthermore, Batman represents the unwavering commitment to integrity in challenging situations, the rescue of injustice's victims, and the refusal to punish wrongdoers.

For my artwork, I utilized "La vendedora de flores," a masterpiece by the talented Diego Rivera. I didn't choose this image to symbolize the suffering of the lower class for the luxury of the upper class. Instead, the basket of calla lilies in the painting represents death, and Batman, lifting the basket, symbolizes progress and hope.

The location of the tragic shooting, a Walmart in El Paso, is depicted at the bottom of my door through a painted Walmart entrance. The open doors serve as a reminder that it's acceptable to remember and grieve the past; there's no need to forget or block out the painful emotions experienced.

Symbolizing the items people were buying during the shooting, I painted school supplies on a shelf at the top left of the door. Adjacent to the school supplies on the Walmart shelf, a cross and a rosary hang down, and at the bottom of the door, flowers grow out of boxes of school supplies.

Two unique elements in my painting include (1) monarch butterflies flying above Batman's head, symbolizing immigrants, as many affected by the incident may be immigrants, and (2) highlighting the passage of time and healing.