

*Our Lady of Ferguson*, by Mark Doox

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(Courtesy of the artist)

Recently, faith leaders have been carrying prints of Mark Doox's *Our Lady of Ferguson* to protests in cities across the country in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and numerous other black men and women. Doox works within an icon-styled form he calls Byz-Dada (Byzantine Dadaism). His images are informed by "American democratic and spiritual ideals, the African-American experience, humanistic existential reality, black folksy wisdom and

pragmatism”—which he combines with piercing, direct commentary. Doox, the ordained iconographer of Coltrane Church, is currently at work on a postmodern graphic novel called *The Book of Saint Sambo*. For more information, visit [markdoox.com](http://markdoox.com).