

# DESIGNER DRAWS FIRE

Dolce & Gabbana, the famous women's designer, is advertising a skirt for its spring collection that the league finds highly objectionable. The apparel is a long silk skirt with an big embroidery of Madonna and Child; Mary's head provocatively appears in the pelvic area.

The league has asked Dolce & Gabbana to rethink its decision to market this skirt. We did so, in part, because the designer appears to be taking a certain delight in offending Christians. For example, it featured the skirt in a fashion show of spring collections, drawing predictable responses.

When the model who wore the skirt passed by actor Robert Sean Leonard, he commented: "What is that on her genitalia, some kind of religious figure? It's a little too frightening for me. Is that Mary? It's a little intimidating. Visual birth control. I think it's kind of interesting and pretty, but I'd lose the religious figures between the legs."

Don Cheadle of "Boogie Nights" fame remarked, "FINALLY, Vatican-Approved Casual Wear!" The most offensive statement was made by Michael Douglas: "Appropriate place for the Madonna's head. Jesus, talk about an Immaculate Conception."

Why not let Donna Faircloth, Director of Advertising and Marketing at Dolce & Gabbana, know how you feel? Write to her at 532 Broadway, New York, New York 10012.