

# MATERIAL GIRL STRIKES AGAIN

The singer Madonna kicked off her "Confessions" tour in Los Angeles yesterday. Between political statements and oral sex jokes, Madonna found the time to don a crown of thorns, hang from a mirrored cross and croon her ballad "Live to Tell" in front of a screen flashing images from the Third World.

Commenting on this is Catholic League president Bill Donohue:

"When the Material Girl first embraced Kabbalah, we thought her new-found faith would inspire her to show some respect for religion. It stands to reason that a woman whose faith is so important to her that she drags her rabbi to her concerts would not want to mock the faith of others.

"But I guess you really can't teach an old pop star new tricks. Madonna has been spicing up her act with misappropriated Christian imagery for a long time now. Perhaps she can't arouse any interest in her work without it. Poor Madonna keeps trying to shock. But all she succeeds in doing is coming across as a boring bigot.

"Do us all a favor, Madge, and stick to singing and dancing. Knock off the Christ-bashing. It's just pathetic."