

- (1) In late 1966, four Catholic lay faculty members of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. began to pray for one another and to discuss their spiritual life. They read David Wilkerson's book, THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE along with John Sherrill's THEY SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, and compared both of them with the New Testament. They contacted William Lewis, who was an Episcopalian rector, in order to get more information on the pentecostal experience. He put them in touch with Betty Schomaker, who was one of his members and who had a pentecostal prayer group in her home. As a result of attending several of these home prayer meetings, these four Catholic lay faculty members were baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues as the proof of it. Then in February, 1967, these four Catholic lay faculty members took a small group of students from Duquesne University on a retreat, and they too were baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues as the proof of it. This spiritual retreat has come to be known as the "Duquesne Weekend."
- (2) One of the four Catholic lay faculty members shared his experience and the results of the Duquesne Weekend with the Ranaghans of Notre Dame. As a result, in March, 1967, the Ranaghans and others were baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues as the proof of it. Shortly after this, they became involved with Ray Bullard, who was the president of the local South Bend chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International.
- (3) Forty students from Michigan State University joined forty other students and faculty for a retreat at Notre Dame. Many of these were baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke with tongues as the proof of it.
- (4) Other charismatic groups began to spring up all over the United States.
- (5) In 1974 David Wilkerson who was the author of THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE had a vision and announced that the Roman Church would extinguish the Pentecostal fires and force "charismatics" from its communion. But the very opposite has happened.