

## **An Evangelizing Yard Sale!**

Who doesn't like a yard sale? You never know what you might find. While you may want to have a yard sale as a fundraiser for your church, think also about the impact this could have on how people think of Catholics in an area. Sometimes events held on church property are poorly attended because people are uncomfortable getting "too close" to Catholics. You may want to consider having a yard sale on property located on a busy highway, street, or parking lot in order to have more interaction with all kinds of people who are not aware of the Catholic Church.

In addition to selling your "treasures," teams of parishioners could volunteer to bring food to the event. This could be as simple as coffee and donuts, or something more substantial, like tacos or hotdogs. Not only do the "workers" eat, but anyone who stops by to take a look would be offered something to eat. This simple invitation could help people relax and be open to the company and some conversation with Catholics in the community. Who knows? Those who stop, buy an item, and share some food might be surprised to find that "Catholics" are a lot like them.