

2003 USCMA SLATE OF NOMINEES

Two USCMA Board Members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, WI. Below is an introduction to the candidates. If you cannot attend the Annual Conference, kindly choose a proxy who will act in your stead at the voting held at the conference. **Proxies were mailed out to all members of record October 7, 2003.**

USCMA BY-LAWS require that all proxy votes be filed with the Secretary of the Association. In order to do this, please **mail, fax or E-Mail your proxy slip by Monday, October 20, 2003**, to the USCMA National Office. **DO NOT** give it to the person whom you have designated as your proxy.

Sr. Mary Paul, DDL: is a member of the Daughters of Divine Love Congregation, which was founded in Nigeria in 1969. She is currently the Coordinator of Ethnic Ministries at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). As such, Sr. Mary Paul utilizes her experiences and skills to assist USCCB in its pastoral care of immigrants, migrants and refugees with a particular focus on peoples from Africa and Caribbean Islands. Additionally, she coordinates the Joint Conference of African Women Religious Conference (AWRC) and the African Catholic Clergy Association (ACCA).

As part of the leadership team (Vicar General and Regional Superior, 1991-1999), Sr. Mary Paul was instrumental in opening missions in different parts of Africa, Europe, America and the Caribbean Islands. She was President of African Women Religious Conference in the US, 1998-2002. She credits these roles with broadening her vision of the Church's missionary activities in the world.

Sr. Mary Paul has a Ph.D. in Sociology from Loyola University, Chicago; MA in Philanthropy and Development, St. Mary's University of Minnesota; PGDE in Education, University of Nigeria, Nsukka; M. Sc. in Social Sciences from Gregorian University, Rome.

John Barth, MM: John Barth, a Maryknoll Father, was recently elected Assistant General of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, and serves as a member of the Maryknoll mission education and promotion team working in the New York, Connecticut and New Jersey area.

John's Maryknoll Missionary assignments have taken him to Thailand and Cambodia. During his 10 years in Cambodia, besides providing pastoral care to ethnic Vietnamese Catholics living in villages along the Mekong and Bassac rivers of central Cambodia, he founded *Rehabilitation for Blind Cambodians*, which trains social workers to help incurably blind people, trains eye doctors and nurses and has built and operates a small, rural eye hospital (offering over 3,500 eye operations annually).

Prior to joining Maryknoll, in 1984, Fr. Barth worked for the New York State Health Department administering health care programs in medically under-served rural areas of the state

He received his BA from Canisius College, an MBA from SUNY at Buffalo and his M Div from Maryknoll School of Theology.