



Father Tony Bawyn is a Seattle native who attended St. Luke School in Shoreline. He began his seminary studies at St. Edward Seminary and St. Thomas Seminary in Kenmore and then graduated from Gonzaga University with a B.A. in philosophy. He studied theology at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium and came home to be ordained on August 21, 1982 at St. James Cathedral by Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar (assistant pastor) at Holy Rosary in West Seattle. Since then he has served parishes in Kirkland (where he served with Ann LaBeck), Tacoma, Vashon Island, Gig Harbor, and Seattle.

Aware that Father Jim Picton had facilitated a canonical internship for Father Tony during his seminary days, Archbishop Murphy asked Father Tony to study canon law for the Archdiocese in 1990. After receiving a licentiate degree from Louvain, he served in the Chancery as canonical consultant, the place where he first met Loretta Sursely. He then returned to Louvain for doctoral studies, finished his dissertation and was awarded his diploma in 2000. Archbishop Brunett appointed him Judicial Vicar in 2000, and he has been serving in that capacity in the Seattle Tribunal for 20 years.

Last year Archbishop Sartain approved a sabbatical leave for him, so Father Tony chose to return to Belgium for updating in theology. He has returned to the Chancery and is pleased to begin his new ministry at Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish. Father Tony has more than 25 years' experience the model of parish priest collaborating with a lay Pastoral Coordinator, and he finds it a good fit with his canonical work.

In his free time Father Tony loves to cook, to go on day hikes, listen to music, and enjoy visiting his family, most of whom live in the Puget Sound area.