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## Virgin consecration set for May 24



Miriam Marston, 38, prays in the chapel at the Archdiocese of Portland Pastoral Center, where she helps coordinate lay ministry formation programs. May 24 Marston will participate in one of the oldest rites of the church. (Katie Scott/Catholic Sentinel) 5/8/2020 6:06 PM

The rite of consecration of a virgin will go ahead May 24 as part of a weekly 11 a.m. livestreamed Sunday Mass from St. Mary Cathedral in Portland. Miriam Marston, 38-year-old coordinator of lay ministry formation for the Archdiocese of Portland, will be consecrated to God in an ancient ceremony with Archbishop Alexander Sample presiding.

Marston, also a singer-songwriter, will wear a white dress, receive a ring and stand before the altar. She joins about 250 women in the United States, including four others in Oregon, who have embraced the life.

A graduate of William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, she has a regular show on Portland's Mater Dei Radio.