

decretal noun

de-cre-tal | \di-'krē-təl, 'de-kri-təl\

Definition of Decretal

: DECREE

especially: a papal letter giving an authoritative decision on a point of canon law

First Known Use of Decretal

14th century, in the meaning defined above

History and Etymology for *Decretal*

Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *decretalis* of a decree, from Latin *decretum* decree

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