sanctuary

1 noun | sanc·tu·ary | \ˈsaŋ(k)-chə-ˌwer-ē\

Examples: SANCTUARY in a Sentence

Editor's Note: Did You Know?

Definition of SANCTUARY

plural sanctuaries

1 : a consecrated place: such as
   a : the ancient Hebrew temple at Jerusalem or its holy of holies
   b (1) : the most sacred part of a religious building (such as the part of a
   Christian church in which the altar is placed) (2) : the room in which
   general worship services are held (3) : a place (such as a church or a
   temple) for worship

2 a (1) : a place of refuge and protection (2) : a location where predators are controlled and hunting is
   b : the immunity from law attached to a

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Examples of SANCTUARY in a Sentence

The house was a sanctuary for runaway teens.

The refugees found sanctuary when they crossed the border.

The sanctuary contains the altar of sacrifice.

Recent Examples of SANCTUARY from the Web

Valdez was among law enforcement officials who opposed the 2017 sanctuary cities law championed by Abbott, which some fear will lead to profiling.

― Peggy Fikac, San Antonio Express-News, "Gov. Abbott says he'll face Valdez, but White hopes to prove him wrong," 8 Apr. 2018

On Good Friday on March 30, those attending as the congregation shares in a Service of Shadows and darkening of the sanctuary as part of its worship.

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His comments come despite California recently becoming a sanctuary state and its politicians speaking out on behalf of undocumented immigrants living in the state, as well as criticising the step-up in ICE raids.

SANCTUARY Synonyms

Synonyms
asylum, harbor, harborage, haven, refuge, retreat, sanctum, shelter

Related Words
oasis; anchorage, mooring, port; cover, screen; housing, lodging, quarters,

**sanctuary**

*adjective*

Definition of SANCTUARY

*US*
: relating to or being a locality that provides limited cooperation to federal officials in the enforcement of immigration laws or policies • a *sanctuary* jurisdiction • *sanctuary* policies

... the executive order ... designed to crack down on so-called "*sanctuary cities*," municipalities that do not comply with Immigration and Customs Enforcement ... requests for assistance with identifying and deporting undocumented immigrants. —Euan McKirdy

First Known Use of SANCTUARY

1985

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Definition of SANCTUARY for Students

plural sanctuaries

1 : a holy or sacred place

2 : a building or room for religious worship

3 : a place that provides safety or protection • a wildlife sanctuary

4 : the protection from danger or a difficult situation that is provided by a safe place

Word Root of SANCTUARY

The Latin word sacer, meaning “holy,” and the related word sānctus, also meaning “holy,” give us the roots sacr and sanct. Words from the Latin sacer or sānctus have something to do with holiness. A sanctuary is a holy place. Anything sacred is holy. To sacrifice is to dedicate as a holy offering to a god.

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