

sac·er·do·tal

adjective \sa-sər-'dō-təl, ,sa-kər-\

Definition of SACERDOTAL

1: of or relating to priests or a priesthood : [PRIESTLY](#) <*sacerdotal robes*> <*sacerdotal authority*>

2: of, relating to, or suggesting [sacerdotalism](#)

— **sac·er·do·tal·ly** \-t^ə-ē\ *adverb*

Examples of SACERDOTAL

1. <*sacerdotal* garments such as a cassock and miter>

Origin of SACERDOTAL

Middle English, from Middle French, from Latin *sacerdotalis*, from *sacerdot-*, *sacerdos* priest, from *sacer* sacred + *-dot-*, *-dos* (akin to *facere* to make) — more at [SACRED](#), [DO](#)

First Known Use: 15th century

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