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Sanctuary movement, stays of removal and deportation

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The *Arizona Daily Star* reports on one immigrant's case and refers to stays of removal and to the sanctuary movement that occurred years ago in Tucson:

> The Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church came within a wisp last week of becoming Tucson's first sanctuary church in two decades
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> Rev. Bill Remmel and the west Tucson church offered shelter to Alfonso Morales-Macias, a 41-year-old father of two facing deportation.
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> Ultimately, it doesn't appear Morales-Macias and his family will need sanctuary because Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials changed course and are now expected to approve a stay of removal for him, said his attorney, Margo Cowan. That would allow him to stay for one more year - putting him one step closer to being able to apply for legal residency when his U.S.-born daughter turns 21 in September 2013.
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> Most Holy Trinity isn't offering an open door for all illegal immigrants facing deportation, but Remmel said the church would absolutely consider sheltering others depending on the circumstances.
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> It remains to be seen if Most Holy Trinity's offer will spark another sanctuary movement in Tucson. The first one ended in the early 1990s, said Rev. John Fife, a retired pastor at Southside Presbyterian Church and one of the founders of the movement.

Read the rest of the in-depth story here [1].

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