

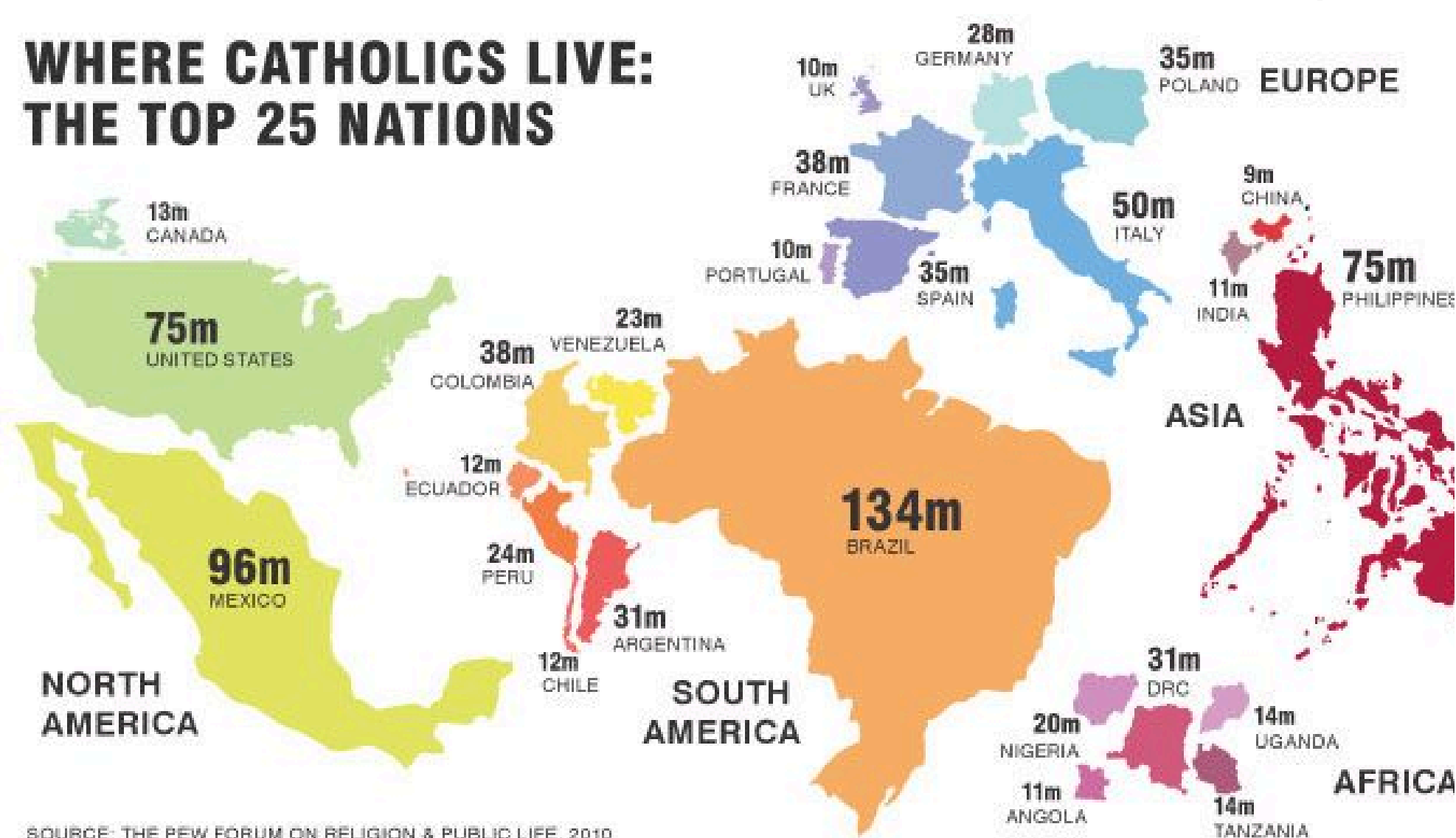
GLI 212: Issues in Globalization Studies and International Relations

Globalized Catholicism

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3 Credits: GLO, HUM, Thursdays 6:30pm-9:20pm

WHERE CATHOLICS LIVE: THE TOP 25 NATIONS



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*The true strength of the Church is
in our work, so often hidden.*
-Pope Francis, December 21, 2018.

*For the whole law is summed up in
a single commandment, "You
shall love your neighbor as
yourself"*
(Galatians 5:14)

Since its inception, Catholicism has had a global reach, from Saint Paul's letters to the missions of thousands of missionaries worldwide. However, it was the Second Vatican Council, initiated by Pope John XXIII in 1962 and concluded by Pope Paul VI in 1965, that prompted the Church's hierarchical structure to embrace a truly global and modern vision.

This course will explore these pivotal moments and their outcomes: Popes traveling worldwide, addressing major political forums such as the United Nations General Assembly, and the Church's expanding influence in global politics, from the Cold War and the Cuban Missile Crisis to efforts for peace in the Middle East.

In addition to these historic milestones in Holy See diplomacy, the course will also examine the Vatican's engagement with contemporary global challenges, particularly those outlined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030. Today, the role of the Catholic Church—and of religion as a whole—remains inseparable from the political sphere and critical to shaping the future of global coexistence.

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