

## **Press release**



ERZBISTUM  
HAMBURG

**without words**

***the day will come when God will respond***

In her new photo-project **without words**, photo artist Valérie Wagner focusses on ritualized gestures and non-verbal expressions of faith.

In 2014, two workshops were conducted with participants of different denominations, which Valérie Wagner used as basis for her new photo-project. Valérie Wagner's photographs concentrate on the participants' hands, their movements and postures. Long term exposure visualizes movement. The shooting, in black and white, took place in a studio setting in order to isolate gestures and motions from liturgy.

This visual and contentual decontextualization offers a new perspective on familiar and traditional gestures. The artist's approach creates a space for the question of the essential dimension of rituals and their significance for the individual.

At the same time, the photographs reflect a surprising variety and individuality of rites and expressions of faith.

Liturgy combines and compresses different time levels: it celebrates the present in memory of the past. This perspective offers a unique look into the future, the Expected.

The exhibition is a cooperation between the artist Valérie Wagner and the Archdiocese of Hamburg.

**Dates:** 06/22/2015 to 07/19/2015

**Opening:** Sunday, 21st June 2015, 1.30 pm

**Venue:** Catholic Church of St. Ansgar - Kleiner Michel, Michaelisstraße 5, 20459 Hamburg

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Link to the Website from photo artist Valérie Wagner: <http://www.valeriewagner.de/>

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