

people; to pray, and bless the elements of bread and wine, and thereby to set them apart from a common to an holy use; and to take and break bread, to take the cup and (they communicating also to themselves) to give both to the communicants; but to none who are not then present in the congregation."

The *Baltimore Catechism No 3* states:

318. Who can administer Baptism?

"The priest is the usual minister of Baptism, but if there is danger that someone will die without Baptism, anyone else may and should baptize.

(a) in case of necessity even a heretic or an unbaptized person can validly and licitly baptize. He must, however, perform the ceremony correctly and have the intention of 'doing what the Church does,' namely, of performing the ceremony that is usual among Catholics."

And David Hollaz is quoted by Schmid as saying:

"God has instructed the right of dispensing the Sacraments to the Church, which commits the execution or exercise of this right, for the sake of order and propriety, to the called and ordained ministers of the Gospel. But in case of extreme necessity, where the Sacrament is necessary and could not be omitted without peril of salvation, any Christian, whether layman or woman, may validly administer the Sacrament of Baptism or initiation.

-- Heinrich Schmid, p. 531.