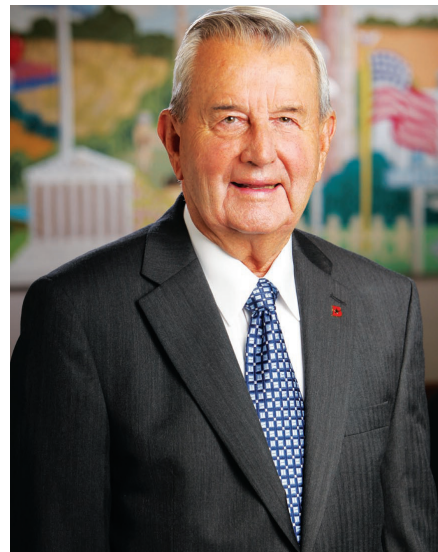


8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL SPEAKERS LUNCHEON

Honoring Charlie Cheever, Beacon Award Recipient

Charles “Charlie” Cheever Jr. has been a family businessman for most of his career, currently serving as Chairman Emeritus of Broadway Bank. Charlie was the driving force behind much of the growth and expansion Broadway Bank enjoyed during his time as bank president, a position he assumed in 1961 at the age of 32 after joining the bank in 1957. He worked alongside his father, Colonel Charles Cheever, to create an environment of innovation, pioneering many new bank services, and guiding the bank through the hard-hitting recession of the late 1980s, when many banks and financial institutions had to close their doors. Before joining Broadway Bank, Charlie graduated from West Point in 1949, served as an Air Force pilot instructor, and later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. He also earned his law degree from the University of Texas Law School in 1957. Throughout his life, Charlie has personally embraced the spirit of giving back to the community, which his parents instilled into the culture of Broadway Bank. He has served as Co-Chairman of the San Fernando Cathedral Restoration Project, as Chairman of the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas Capital Campaign, Chairman of the United Way, and as Trustee of Incarnate Word College and Southwest Research Institute. Charlie also has served as Chairman of the University of Texas Health Science Center’s advisory board for the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics as well as the KLRN Capital Campaign.



Featuring Reverend Edwin D. Leahy, Headmaster, St. Benedict’s Preparatory School



Rev. Edwin D. Leahy, O.S.B. became the 23rd Headmaster of St. Benedict’s Preparatory School in 1972. Fr. Edwin began his work at St. Benedict’s Prep in 1967, teaching biology and religion, and assisting with the wrestling and football teams. Following the decision by the then-larger community of monks to suspend the operation of St. Benedict’s in 1972, Fr. Edwin, then 27, was chosen by the remaining stalwart group of monks, parents, alumni and friends to re-open the School as soon as was feasible. Under his direction, St. Benedict’s reopened its doors in 1973 with 89 students and 14 faculty members, including 13 monks who re-committed themselves to the school’s mission of serving young men from largely low-income families in Newark. Today, St. Benedict’s operates a co-ed, Kindergarten to 6th Grade Elementary Division, a Middle Division comprised of separate, single-sex 7th and 8th grades, and an all-male 9th - 12th grade Prep Division. Currently, St. Benedict’s is in the midst of a \$100 million comprehensive campaign, Forever Benedict’s, to grow the school’s annual fund and bolster its endowment.