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**VING Outreach during Catholic Schools Week**  
**Career Day at St. Joseph Thursday February 3**

The Virgin Islands National Guard (VING) will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with St. Joseph High School on Thursday February 3 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Catholic Schools Week is January 29- February 4, 2011. This week recognizes the academic contributions and outreach efforts that Catholic schools make as they continue educating youth in the territory.

The National Guard's dual mission requires a disciplined balance between persistent readiness and vital interests to help our communities. The VING Detachment A-126 Aviation Company (C23) will provide a static display of their OH-58 helicopter. Also, the VING's Counter Drug Task Force will provide an interactive Drug Demand Reduction presentation explaining the various types of illegal drugs and their harmful effects.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011, "A+ for America: Pursuit of High Academic Achievement," celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value for the nation. According to a release from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite contribution to American Society.

There are four Catholic schools in the Virgin Islands which include Saints Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas, and Saint Mary's, Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph schools on St. Croix. According to a V.I. Government House release, dated January 27, Catholic education was introduced on St. Thomas in the mid-1800s.

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