Several of Mount Mercy’s Track athletes travelled to Icahn Stadium in New York City this past week to compete in the Catholic State Championship Meet. Highlighting the meet was senior Grace Willert (West Seneca) qualifying for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Track and Field Championships June 7th and 8th in Middletown, NY. She placed second overall in the shot put with a heave of 32’ and fifth overall in the discus with a throw of 93’9”. Both of her throws were the tops in the small school division, so she qualified for the state meet. Mount Mercy’s throwing coach, Brittany Sanscrainte commented “I am so incredibly proud of Grace. All of her hard work is finally paying off and I cannot wait to see everything she is capable of doing!”

The 4 by 400 relay team comprised of junior Katie Hughes (Orchard Park) and sophomores Angelina Larivey (Lackawanna), Megan Reilly (Buffalo) and Rheanna Welsh (Lackawanna) placed ninth in the state with a time of 4:29.33. Welsh also placed tenth in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:03.24. Reilly came in tenth in the triple jump with a leap of 31’7”. Junior Grace Harrington (West Seneca) finished twelfth in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:38.15.

The team finished 14th in the state, but tied for second amongst the Monsignor Martin League schools.

“We couldn't be happier with the team’s performance this year. They had an amazing season. It was a great experience coming here with six athletes and having them compete at a high level,” Coach Nicole Mainente commented. “The Mount Mercy track team is stronger than ever!”

Coach Bob Walsh noted that this is the first time in many years that Mount Mercy has sent so many athletes to the Catholic State Championship Meet.