Two members of Mount Mercy Academy’s varsity bowling team, the second place team in the league, were named as First Team All-Catholics. Only four of the forty varsity bowlers achieved this honor. Senior Kelly Thomas (Buffalo) and sophomore Samantha Batchev (Lackawanna) were Mount Mercy’s two All-Catholic bowlers.

Fred Kirisits, Mount Mercy’s bowling coach commented, “I was extremely proud that two of our bowlers were in the top four of the entire league. It is a quite an achievement for the two girls. They were a large part of our success this year.”

Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas, Jr., was a first team selection last year as well. In addition, she was a second team All-Catholic as a sophomore. She had an average of 152 this year and had a high game of 211. Her best three game set was a 518.

Batchev, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Batchev of Lackawanna, had an average of 153. Her high game for the year was a 223 and her high set was a 563.