## SHORT HANDED, DIVINE CHILD BOYS' PLACE FIFTH AT THE ERIE-MASON "FRANK CONNELLY" RELAYS

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Divine Child's boy's cross-country team ran short handed at the Erie-Mason "Frank Connelly" Relays. With a very young program, the Falcon ran well but placed fifth in the team competition with 44 points. Winning the event was the defending champions, New Boston Huron with 29 points, edging out Flat Rock with 31 points. St. Mary Catholic Central took third with 51 points, as DC had tied Carlson Airport with 44 points but took fifth because Carlson Airport had the best fourth place relay team. Erie-Mason was fifth, 49 points and Grosse Ile took sixth place with 69 points.

This event scores the first three relay teams from each school to determine the winner. Divine Child was able to place 3<sup>rd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Each runner runs one mile each, three times in a relay style format. The top three DC teams were sophomore Joseph Arriola (5:42.48 Average Per Mile) and senior Colin Murray (4:48.39 APM) for an overall time of 31 minutes 32.43 seconds; placing 20<sup>th</sup> was



Joseph Arriola (So) and Colin Murray (Sr) (3<sup>rd</sup> Place team overall for Divine Child – 31:32.43)

Brendan Miller (6:01.11 APM) and freshman Landen Bermudez (5:38.26 APM) for 34:57.39; and, placing 21<sup>st</sup> was senior Maximiliano Juarez (5:35.67 APM) and junior Samuel Corak (6:05.07 APM) for a time of 35:03.06.

Divine was missing three of their top seven runners in this event which could have made a difference on Divine Child overall place. Jacob Borowicz (Fr) was out because of a calf injury and Nicholas Nakic (Sr) and Tamer Zahr (Jr) missed because of illness.

The team of Nate Cargo and Jake Stanislawski of Flat Rock won the race with a great time of 29 minutes and 44.13 seconds. They edged out, by less than a second, Luke Duleki and Lucas Kahn of New Boston Huron with a time of 29:45.00. Following Divine Child's third place were Max Foldvary and Christian Craanan of St. Mary's Catholic Central — 31:57.70 and taking fifth was Cameron Crane and Kyle Biller of New Boston Huron — 32:08.5.

Divine Child had two other relay teams that competed. Placing  $38^{th}$  was Zachary Barszczowski (Fr -6:00.52 APM) and Connor Chittaro (So -6:22.30 APM) with a time of 37:05.50; and placing  $58^{th}$  was Nicholas Sargent (So -6:58.52 APM) and Conor VanBuhler (Jr -6:30.60 APM), 40:28.78; There was a total of 82 relay teams that were entered.

Divine Child is scheduled to run Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in the "Rambling Rock Invitational" at Willow Metropark in New Boston Huron, MI at 10:00 AM. On Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the "MSU Spartan Invitational" on the Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing at 12:10 PM.