ITALIAN QUICK PICKLES

1 CUP CAULIFLOWER FLORETS CHOPPED (ABOUT 1/4 HEAD OF CAULIFLOWER) **5 JALAPENO PEPPERS DICED (USE BELL** PEPPERS FOR MILD GIARDINIERA **5 SERRANO PEPPERS DICED (OR USE SPORT PEPPERS - OPTIONAL, FOR HOT** GIARDINIERA) **1 MEDIUM CARROT DICED** 2 CELERY STALKS DICED 1/2 CUP SALT 1 CUP OLIVE OIL (EXTRA VIRGIN IS BEST, THOUGH YOU CAN USE VEGETABLE OIL) 1 CUP VINEGAR (OR USE WATER, LIKE MANY **CHICAGO GIARDINIERA BRANDS - SEE THE RECIPE NOTES) 4 CLOVES OF GARLIC MINCED 2 TEASPOONS DRIED OREGANO** 1/2 TEASPOON CELERY SEEDS **1 TABLESPOON CRUSHED RED PEPPER (OR** TO TASTE) **GROUND BLACK PEPPER (TO TASTE)** 1/2 CUP GREEN OLIVES CHOPPED

PROCEDURE:

- 1.TO A LARGE BOWL, ADD PEPPERS WITH CAULIFLOWER, PEPPERS, CARROTS AND CELERY. SPRINKLE WITH SALT. COVER WITH COLD WATER AND REFRIGERATE AT LEAST 12 HOURS, COVERED.
- 2. DRAIN AND RINSE AWAY THE BRINE. SET ASIDE.
- 3.IN A SEPARATE BOWL, ADD GARLIC, OREGANO, CELERY SEED, CRUSHED RED PEPPER FLAKES AND GROUND PEPPER TO TASTE. ADD OIL AND VINEGAR (OR WATER) AND WHISK TO COMBINE.
- 4. ADD TO YOUR VEGETABLE MIXTURE.
- 5. ADD CHOPPED OLIVES AND MIX WELL.
- PLACE IT ALL INTO JARS, ENSURING THE VEGETABLES ARE COVERED WITH YOUR OIL MIXTURE.
- 7.REFRIGERATE AT LEAST 2 DAYS BEFORE USING, TO ALLOW FLAVORS TO MINGLE. A WEEK IS BETTER! SHOULD LAST YOU 2-3 WEEKS.

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