Mom's Gravy

INGREDIENTS:

1 (28oz.) can crushed tomatoes

1 (6oz.) can tomato paste

2 "swirls around the pan" of Extra Virgin Olive Oil

2 Tbs. dried basil

1 Tbs. dried parsley*

1 Tbs. oregano

1 Tbs. onion powder

salt and pepper to taste

Optional: 3-4 cloves finely minced garlic**

1 onion - cut in half

1 large carrot

2 stalks celery

1 Tbs. garlic powder

1/4 cup water



* this is debatable, I add dried parsley, but as I am writing this recipe now, my Mom is reprimanding me saying that parsley DOES not go in the sauce – only in the meatballs (and oregano NEVER goes into the meatball mix!)

**Chef Nance does NOT use fresh garlic, only garlic powder, I use both.

DIRECTIONS:

- ▼ In a pot over med-high heat, drizzle two good "swirls" of EVOO, add the onion, carrot, and celery and sauté for a few minutes.
- ▼ Then add all the remaining ingredients. My Mom likes to "clean out" the crushed tomato and tomato paste cans with about 1/4 cup of water, pouring and swirling the water between the two cans to get out all the sauce, then she adds the "watery-tomato sauce" (for lack of a better term lol) to the pot of gravy.
- If you are keeping this meat-free, bring to a boil then reduce heat to low, cover with lid, and allow to simmer for about 1 hour.
- ▶ If you are adding meat (meatballs, sausage etc.) she cooks the gravy all afternoon, for about 4-5 hours...so if you are adding meatballs, sausage or brasciole, just quickly brown them on the stove top and put them partially cooked in the sauce. They will finish cooking in the sauce hence the reason for cooking all afternoon. ③
- Serve over your favorite pasta and enjoy!

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