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TUSCAN BAKED ARTICHOKE HEARTS

To make fresh breadcrumbs: Freeze a couple of ciabatta rolls or other crunchy rolls. Take them out of the freezer about 5 minutes before tossing them into a food processor.

11/20	cups fresh	coarse	bread	lcrum	OS
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1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

1 Tbsp mixed dried Italian herbs

2 12-ounce packages of frozen artichoke hearts, thawed (Trader Joe's or Safeway are fine)

Freshly ground pepper

Juice from two freshly squeezed lemons

1/4 cup Pecorino Romano cheese, grated

1 teaspoon salt

2 garlic cloves, finely minced

A scant 2/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus about a tablespoon more for the baking dish

1/4 cup finely chopped fresh curly leaf parsley

Preheat oven to 325°. Oil bottom of rectangular baking dish. Spread artichoke hearts in a single layer.

Combine breadcrumbs, parsley, cheeses, herbs, salt and pepper in a medium bowl, and mix well. Sprinkle breadcrumb mixture over artichokes, pushing it into cracks between hearts.

Measure oil in a 2-cup measuring glass. Add lemon juice and whisk to combine. Add garlic. Drizzle this dressing evenly over breadcrumb topping.

Cover dishes with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Increase temperature to 375°. Uncover, and bake until breadcrumbs are golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately or reheat a day or two later. Serves 6-8 as a side dish.