French Toast Casserole with Hazelnut, Caramel, and Maple Creme Oolong Teas

PREP TIME: 20 minutes **COOK TIME**: 45-50 minutes

1 loaf of French bread, cut into 1-

inch cubes

8 lg eggs

2 C milk

1 C heavy cream

1 1/2 C French Toast Casserole tea,

brewed and cooled

1/2 C sugar

1 T Vanilla Extract

1 t ground cinnamon

1/2 t ground nutmeg

1/2 C chopped hazelnuts

1/4 C butter, melted

TOPPING:

1/2 C Brown Sugar1/4 C chopped hazelnuts

1/4 C butter, cold and cut into small pieces

PREPARE THE BREAD: Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Place the bread cubes in the dish.

MAKE THE CUSTARD: In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, heavy cream, brewed tea, sugar, vanilla extract, cinnamon, and nutmeg until well combined.

COMBINE: Pour the custard mixture over the bread cubes, ensuring all pieces are soaked. Sprinkle the chopped hazelnuts over the top.

CHILL: Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or overnight for best results.

PREHEAT OVEN: When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). **PREPARE THE TOPPING:** In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, chopped

hazelnuts, and cold butter pieces until crumbly. Sprinkle this mixture evenly over the casserole.

BAKE: Bake in the preheated oven for 45-50 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the custard is set.

SERVE: Let the casserole cool for a few minutes before serving. Enjoy with a drizzle of maple syrup or a dusting of confectioners' sugar if desired.