PORTUGUESE PAELLA

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 skinless chicken thighs (about 1 ½ lbs)
- 2 tsp chopped fresh rosemary (or ½ tsp dried rosemary)
- 1 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- ½ tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 4 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 links Portuguese chourico (chorizo), sliced into rounds
- 2 cup onions, chopped
- 3 cups red bell peppers, chopped
- 3 cups uncooked Arborio rice
- 1 cup diced plumb tomatoes
- 2 tsp sweet paprika
- ½ tsp saffron threads, crushed
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 6 cup chicken broth
- 1 ½ lbs large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 cups asparagus, cut diagonally
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- 2. Sprinkle chicken with rosemary, ½ tsp salt and black pepper
- 3. Heat oil I a large oven proof nonstick skillet or paella pan over medium-high heat.
- 4. Add chicken, cook for 3 minutes on each side or until lightly browned.
- 5. Remove chicken from pan, cover and keep warm
- 6. Add chourice and cook until lightly browned.
- 7. Add onion and bell pepper, cook for 7minutes, stirring constantly.
- 8. Add rice, tomato, paprika, saffron and garlic; cook for 1 minute stirring constantly.
- 9. Return chicken to pan.
- 10. Add broth and ¼ tsp of salt; bring to boil.
- 11. Wrap handle of pan with foil, cover pan.